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Vale MP hits back after 'outrageous' media claims

by PHILIP IRWIN

VALE MP John Smith has hit back at claims that he would be one of the MPs hardest-hit by the independent audit of MPs' expenses, conducted by Sir Thomas Legg.

Last week, a national newspaper suggested that Mr Smith could have to pay back many thousands of pounds as a result of the audit.

Mr Smith this week has warmly welcomed the provisional assessment of his parliamentary expenses, and he stressed that it had been conducted independently by Sir Thomas Legg.

He said: "Despite some absolutely outrageous national media reports, I can reveal that Sir Thomas Legg has identified errors arising from two claims made more than four years ago which were, through no fault of my own, miscalculated by the Fees Office, and resulted in an overpayment during Dissolution (2005) of £572.12p.

"Had it not been for this comprehensive and thorough audit of all my expense claims over the past five years, I would have had no way of knowing about this, and I am happy to pay the money back, if required.

"I will correspond with Sir Thomas on the matter and will, of course, comply with his final recommendation."

He continued: "I hope I am now allowed to put this distressing episode behind me. In the meantime, I will continue to strive to ensure that Barry and the Vale get the lion's share of the benefits from the Defence Technical College in St Athan."

Disabled woman claims ambulance service won't do single trips – 'it's both ways or not at all'

A DISABLED woman has claimed she was refused an ambulance to bring her home from a hospital check up, and says she was told she could only have an ambulance both ways – or not at all.

The woman, who lives in the Vale, rang to book an ambulance to bring her home from Rookwood Hospital in Cardiff, where she was due to see her consultant and have a scan.

Her husband was able to drive her to the hospital but was unable to stay.

The woman, who does not wish to be named, was shocked to be told that it was not ambulance policy to arrange a return trip only. She would either have to book an ambulance for both ways or find her own way home!

This was, ironically, after previous treatments were missed because the ambulance did not arrive on time.

The case has been taken up by the Conservative parliamentary candidate Alun Cairns, who explained: "The lady in question had already missed two appointments for treatment because the ambulances turned up too late to take her.

"She was naturally anxious not to miss her appointment with the consultant, and did not want to risk going in by ambulance. This was partly why she wanted her husband take her.

"I am staggered at what she was told and will be questioning the Welsh Ambulance Trust to find out if this policy does exist. If so, it is high time it was altered.

"This lady cannot just be abandoned at the hospital. She has a right to be taken home and it is saving the ambulance service one leg of the trip."

Mr Cairns has been in touch with the chief executive of the Ambulance Trust in north Wales.

He said: "We need to get to the bottom of this.

"The Vale already has some abysmal response times for emergency ambulances, and now we have this problem with the hospital transport arrangements.

"I am keen to find out if any other patient has been in a similar position where they must book two journeys rather than one.

"It all seems to be a complete waste of money to me. I would urge anyone who has encountered this before to contact me with the details."

The GEM put Mr Cairns' information that ambulances had to be booked for both ways to the Welsh Ambulance Service, but it did not confirm whether this was standard procedure or not.

A spokesman for the service responded: "We are unable to comment on individual cases but if the patient or her family wish to contact us, we are happy to discuss it directly with them."

Grand Slam Ben faces a new challenge

ABOVE: Ben Thomson

FOUR years ago, Ben Thomson from Barry was a Wales Under-21 rugby Grand Slam winner, but his latest sporting achievement has been something entirely different.

Ben likes to set himself daunting challenges and his recent sporting adventure took him to Lake Geneva.

To find out what he was doing and why, please turn to page 3.

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Alun John,
chairman of Cowbridge Chamber of Trade

Think long term on Waterfront

I OPEN my GEM and the first thing I see is yet another letter bemoaning the folly and lack of imagination regarding the non development of Barry Waterfront.

The name of the game is quite simply profit for the developers - as many houses as can possibly be packed into the available space that can then be sold on for a profit.

Fine, nothing wrong with profit – it's what creates prosperity and jobs, and yes, people do need houses, that I'll not deny.

I grew up in the post war years, when housing was acutely short.

But let's think long term here – what happens when the last of those houses has been built and sold?

Where's the profit and prosperity then?

Barry needs something sustainable, an investment for the future generations.

There is a Cree Indian prophesy:

When the last tree has been cut down,
When the last fish has been caught,
When the last river has been poisoned,
Only then will you learn that money cannot be eaten.

Be warned!

David Alexander,
Barry Island

RNLI race night is a success

THE Barry fundraising branch of the RNLI would like to thank the manager and staff of the Cadoxton Conservative Club, Barry, and all who sponsored its 'Race Night'.

A special thank you must go to the anonymous person who sent us a donation of £50 with a little note signed 'Bounty' – for which we were very grateful.

With everyone's help, we raised a total of £620.

To become a volunteer fundraiser or to find out more on how you can help with fundraising, contact Jennie on 01446 734888 or Chris on 01446 732195.

Jennie Williams
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COUNCIL STOCK TRANSFER: HOW CAN TENANTS DECIDE?

I ATTENDED the Vale Council meeting last week to hear the debate relating to the potential transfer of the council's housing stock to a private landlord.

Tenants are to be given the opportunity to vote on this matter, which will have huge repercussions on the way the housing stock is managed, and upon the council itself.

A significant part of the meeting consisted of a presentation by the police telling councillors what a great job the police are doing reducing crime, which was followed by the chairpersons of the scrutiny committees describing the wonderful job they've also done.

We all know that self-praise is no recommendation, and I suspect most councillors attending that meeting would agree!

As a result, my motivation to attend future meetings has taken a severe and perhaps fatal blow. Music to some ears I suspect.

The debate relating to the council house transfer was informed by a business plan drawn up by the council's consultants who are called 'Tribal'.

A most interesting name since it neatly summarised the content of councillors' contributions to the discussion, and much of the content of the accompanying report.

However, one or two points of value were raised, but it did leave me wondering where on earth tenants are going to get quality information and balanced advice before they decide upon which way to vote?

Dennis Harkus, Barry

The Defence Technical College: 'Local people have real concerns'

I WRITE in connection with Simon Bailey's recent letter on the planning approval given for the Defence Technical College (DTC) and the Aerospace Park.

At the meeting which took place on July 15 at the Old Llantonian Hall in Llantwit Major, two AMs were present. The local community was told that the plans would not automatically be rubber-stamped, and that the concerns of the local community would not be overlooked but would be taken into account when the final decision was taken.

It would appear that our AMs have no influence on the outcome of matters in their constituencies, so why do they go through the process of making out that they can do so?

A number of articles and letters were published in The GEM following that meeting.

A number of topics were raised and one such topic was the northern access route and its height above the ground.

The question was raised that the road would be 2.7 metres above ground height. Mr Davies, on behalf of Metrix, denied that the road would be built 2.7 metres above ground level and answered that much of the road would be in a cutting and would follow the existing ground profiles and would be no higher than 0.3-0.6 metres above the existing ground level.

However, it would be slightly higher as it crosses Llanmaes Brook. This was all as reported in The GEM.

In the last few days, a copy of the bridge drawings for Llanmaes Brook has been shown to me; this shows a somewhat different picture. Whereas it was implied that the bridge would be quite low and inconspicuous, the reality of the matter is just the opposite.

The overall length of the bridge is in excess of 60 metres. The bridge is high enough to allow a farmer's tractor to pass underneath adjacent to the eastern abutment (detailed on the plan).

On the basis of this, allowing 3.5 metres for the tractor and its driver, 1-2 metres for the physical construction of the bridge and 1-11.5 metres for the railings, this equates to some seven metres above the general lie of the land; it will be even higher directly above the brook.

Once again, it would appear local residents are not getting the full and correct picture, but are being told what it is believed we want to hear.

Sqn Ldr PG Boley (Retired),
Llantwit Major

Making votes count for armed forces family

I THOUGHT your readers might like to know that there is an easy way in which they can ensure that those standing as candidates at the next general election do their bit for the whole Armed Forces family.

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(UNTIL OCTOBER 29)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15– 20 minutes earlier.

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25 Sun	11.39	12.1	23.57	11.7
26 Mon			12.31	11.6
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BARRY MAN'S ROWING MARATHON GIVES BOOST TO 'HELP FOR HEROES' CAMPAIGN

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE charity Help for Heroes has been boosted by the efforts of Ben Thomson from Barry, and four friends who took part in the longest rowing race of its kind in the world, held on Lake Geneva.

Ben, aged 25, a former Barry Island Primary School pupil, who now works for Hugh James Solicitors in Cardiff, told The GEM: "By the time we'd finished the 160 kilometres we were wrecked. Our backsides felt like they'd been subjected to a working over with a baseball bat!"

ABOVE: The crew heading for Lausanne on Lake Geneva as the mist starts to descent.

Ben was part of a five man crew from Cardiff University Alumni Rowing Club which took part in the gruelling marathon on September 26.

Ben explained: "The Tour du Leman is a non-stop unsupported event and takes place around Lake Geneva. It is the longest rowing race in the world on a lake.

"The lake is the largest freshwater lake in Europe and forms an impressive natural border between Switzerland and France.

"The Tour du Leman is an ultra-marathon and is renowned in rowing circles."

Ben is something of an all-round sportsman. Standing six feet eight inches tall, he was a member of the triumphant Wales' under-21 Grand Slam team of 2005, but switched sports after sustaining cruciate ligament damage to both knees.

The only comparable race in the UK to the event in Geneva is the 50km Boston Rowing Marathon in Lincolnshire, which the the crew completed as a training exercise a week before leaving for Switzerland.

The Societe Nautique de Geneve – the exclusive nautical club that currently holds sailing's most famous trophy The Americas Cup – has organized the race for the past 37 years.

The crew from south Wales made the challenge doubly difficult because they used one of rowing's more difficult techniques as Ben explained: "For the uninitiated, 'sweep oar rowing' involves each man holding just one oar. This is in contrast to sculling, where each rower has an oar in each hand.

"Sweep oar rowing is far less efficient than sculling and places a lot more pressure on the back of the rower.

"This was the reason that of the 30 crews competing we were the only ones stupid enough to attempt the race sweep! Experienced French and German crews were highly amused at our decision to do so, as we were essentially making a very difficult race even harder."

The race started to the crack of a shotgun at 9am on a crisp autumn morning against the magnificent backdrop of the city of Geneva, nestling at the foot of the Alps.

Ben said: "The crews, who were from all over Europe, quickly spread out as we rowed past the United Nations offices and towards the city of Lausanne, many miles away at the top of the lake."

The first half of the race was a struggle, as crews had to battle with choppy waters which meant bilge pumps were in almost constant use. After battling the stormy waters the crew reached the halfway point at around 4pm.

ABOVE: Barry's Ben Thomson (far left) with fellow members of the Cardiff University Alumni Rowing Club Alex Bamford, Aneurin Rainbird, Jonathan Broadest, and Nick Wright.

Ben admitted: "We were a little daunted by the prospect of having to carry on for the 80km back to Geneva!

"Darkness fell at around 7.30pm and from then on we rowed in near total darkness, with only an intermittent beacon attached to our bow to interrupt the absence of light.

"Rowing in the pitch black after going non-stop for the past 12 hours and realising we still had several hours to go was a low point.

"After 16 hours of solid rowing, we finally crossed the finish line at 1.10am. There was applause from the bank and a half hearted cheer from inside the boat. We were wrecked."

Despite the achievement, exhaustion triumphed over euphoria.

"We paddled into the landing stage in almost total silence. Instead of the elation you might expect from finishing a race of that magnitude, it was eerily quiet and we all had shell-shocked expressions.

"The most common thing comment was 'I'm never rowing again'.

"It is difficult to describe the monotony and pain of rowing sweep for 16 hours solid. It was very mentally and physically challenging.

"We were the only crew to row in our category so technically we won, and we even managed to beat several sculling boats, which was highly satisfying.

"We rowed the race in aid of the charity Help for Heroes. When we were suffering most ,we were all able to appreciate that our pains were temporary – unlike the horrific injuries sustained by the many British servicemen and women that the charity supports."

So far the lads have raised more than £1,400 and Ben added: "We would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to our fundraising effort. If anyone else would still like to donate then they can still do so online at: *www.justgiving.com/160row*."

Ben's next challenge – wait for it – is to drive from Cardiff to Mongolia in a second hand 1.2 litre car next summer for charity, and fun!

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SHEILA GETS LUCKY CHRISTMAS BONUS FROM HIGH STREET!

HIGH Street Traders have announced the third lucky winner in their monthly prize draw.

The lucky winner, Mrs Sheila Clements of Barry, is seen receiving £100 of shopping vouchers from Anthony Hopkins (chairman of High Street Traders) and Debbie (Deb 'N' Hair), who sold the winning ticket.

High Street Traders are holding a raffle every month to raise money for their Christmas event. To be in with a chance to win, pop into any shop displaying the 'Raffle' sign, buy a ticket and you could be the next lucky winner and have £100 of shopping vouchers, perfect for Christmas shopping!

The winning ticket will be drawn live on Bro Radio on the 12th of every month just after the midday news.

LEFT: Anthony Hopkins and Debbie from Deb 'N' Hair present Sheila Clements with her £100 worth of shopping vouchers.

CCTV helps in 20 arrests

THE CCTV operation, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with 20 arrests in the week ending October 18.

CCTV contacted the police on 56 occasions and the arrests, all in Barry, related to suspected burglary (two people, Vere Street), racial abuse (Vere Street), drugs related offences (three people, Gladstone Road), drugs related offences (two people, Broad Street), suspected arson (two people, Cross Street), theft (Vere Street), theft (Dock View Road), drugs related offences (Holton Road), criminal damage (Holton Road), wanted on warrant (Tynewydd Road), wanted on warrant (Barry Road), possession of offensive weapons (two people, Broad Street), affray (Broad Street) and public disorder (Broad Street).

'Thanks for your support' says post office couple

AFTER 11 very happy and successful years running The Murch Post Office and shop, Graham and Cynthia Russell have retired.

They told The GEM: "We would like to thank our many loyal friends and customers for making our time such a pleasure. We hope that the new owners, Noreen and Paul Davies, will enjoy the pleasures of our village and community as much as we have.

"In the meantime, we look forward to still seeing you all for a chat!"

Fairtrade village event

THERE will be a Fairtrade shopping evening in Lee Hall, Dinas Powys, on Wednesday, October 28 from 7.30pm-9.30pm

There will be jewellery, accessories, gifts, cards, sweets, chocolate, wine, food and each admission ticket includes 'a lovely ladies gift to take home.'

For tickets (£3), telephone Sue Hamer on 02920 514680, or call in at A Class Apart, 9 The Parade, Murch, Dinas Powys.

NEWS FROM DINAS POWYS ROTARY

Club adopts the flying eye surgery 'hospital'

SULLY resident and Dinas Powys Rotary Club member Bill Christensen recently met Ann-Marie Ablett, an ambassador for ORBIS.

Marie is also Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust hospital nurse and clinical leader in the short stay surgical unit.

Bill was recently invited by ORBIS International to inspect the DC10 Flying Eye Hospital, operated by the charity ORBIS, which is dedicated to preserving and restoring the sight of the poorest people in the world.

Through innovative training programmes and partnerships, ORBIS creates lasting solutions to prevent and cure blindness worldwide. Dinas Powys Rotary Club has adopted ORBIS as one of its charities.

The plane is fitted out with lecture theatre seats where medical people can watch the operations in progress as they are trained to save the sight of children generally suffering from cataracts (many from birth), glaucoma, trachoma and corneal opacity.

Eighty-seven disadvantaged countries have benefited from the ORBIS programmes, which have enhanced the skills of more than 195,000 health care personnel while providing eye treatment for more than 6.8 million people.

In 2011, ORBIS will receive a smaller aircraft which will enable volunteers to land in remote areas where they are unable to do so at present. If the operations and treatment are not carried out by the time a child is five or six years of age, it usually results in permanent blindness.

The cost of a cataract operation works out at about 75p, and £10 can treat 40 children with antibiotics to cure eye disease. The aircraft left for Jaipur with a team of 20 medical volunteers.

Ann-Marie, like the other volunteers, gives up her four weeks' annual leave (every year) completely free of charge, to carry out the extraordinary work.

If any readers, their club or workplace colleagues would like to help with fundraising activities or in any other way, please email Bill at bill.rotary@btconnect.com for further information or go direct to www.orbis.org.uk

ABOVE: Bill Christensen with Ann-Marie Ablett.

Vale village is hit by nails on the road

POLICE in the Vale are seeking information from the public after nails were scattered on the road in Peterston-super-Ely.

Station Terrace and Station Road were targeted on Monday, October 5, resulting in a number of puncture repairs or new tyres to some vehicles. The Highways Department was called out to clear the road.

Peterston-super-Ely Neighbourhood PCSO Matt Smith said: "Peterston-super-Ely is a very safe place to live in and to visit and behaviour such is this is very unusual. We are appealing for anyone with any information about this incident to contact us.

"Local residents have even collected them from the road themselves. The nails appear to be the roofing type which are approximately 40mm with large flat heads and are galvanised."

He added: "We have also had reports of fencing being cut, which can also be very dangerous, as it allows livestock to stray onto the highway and possibly into the village."

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is asked to contact PCSO Matt Smith at Cowbridge police station on 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Witness appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a road traffic collision involving a black VW Passat and a Honda motor cycle on Penarth Road, near the junction with Cogan Spur, Penarth, at 9.10am on October 8 to contact them.

The female pillion passenger on the motorcycle sustained a serious leg injury as a result of the collision.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Eastern Roads Policing Unit on telephone number 101.

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The draft may be viewed on our website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, or a free copy may be obtained by contacting :

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over the telephone, e-mail or via letter.

You may also inspect the draft scheme at the Vale of Glamorgan Civic Centre, the main Barry Library and all mobile libraries also at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau.

Send any comments to Lynette Jones by 18.12.09.

We will prepare a report based on these comments, to be submitted with the final Scheme to the Welsh Language Board for approval.

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BARRY ISLAND PUPILS PUT IDEAS TO WATERFRONT DEVELOPERS DURING VISIT

YEAR FIVE pupils at Barry Island Primary School have been learning about their town and environment by exploring one of the most significant regeneration projects in the region, during a visit by the developers behind the proposed transformation of the Waterfront.

ABOVE: (L-R): Jess Richmond (volunteer), pupil Demi McCafferty, Richard Keogh (Barry Waterfront Consortium), pupil Monique Heffernan, headteacher Janet Hayward, and pupil Lacy Sjodin.

The pupils are currently working on a project to come up with their own ideas and designs for the regeneration of Barry Waterfront, exploring factors such as the environment, movement around the site, local character and land-use.

Barry Island Primary School, which was this year awarded the Primary School of the Year at the Keep Wales Tidy Eco Schools Awards, actively encourages its pupils to take a strong interest in their environment and surroundings.

The pupils are working one day a week with volunteer Jess Richmond, a professional urban designer and town planner. Jess has been encouraging pupils to be creative in their approach to urban design and is teaching pupils about regeneration by using the local example of Barry Waterfront.

The £250 million regeneration plans for Barry Waterfront were submitted to the Vale Council in August, and include a new link road to Barry Island, a waterfront café quarter, a waterside open space and park areas, retail space and approximately 2,000 new homes.

Richard Keogh from the Barry Waterfront Consortium this week went along to Barry Island School to hear the pupils' initial ideas for the site, and to talk about the plans.

Monique Heffernan, a year five pupil said: "We get to look at things as they are now and think about what needs to be done. We went to look at the site and saw lots of wildlife – including rabbits and dragonflies. However there are lots of things in the area that aren't very nice like graffiti and rubbish. It would be good if there could be a nature area as part of the plans."

Classmate Demi McCafferty, added: "We have been thinking of ideas for the area that could make Barry better and more popular. It would definitely be good if it was easier to get to Barry Island where my friends and I live, especially for people who don't have cars."

Lacy Sjodin, commenting on what she would ideally like to see at the Waterfront, said: "When I look out of the window over Barry there is a load of empty land. I'd really like to see a waterpark built on the Waterfront – that would be really fun."

Ice rink for the Island, Christmas lights and a grotto for town centre

AN ice rink is to be installed at Barry Island over the festive season.

Coun Anthony Ernest, Vale cabinet member for leisure and tourism, told The GEM:"A synthetic ice rink will be installed at Barry Island from the first week in December and will remain for the duration of the holidays until the New Year.

"The ice rink will be mainly funded by the Barry Island Traders, and in response to an appeal for help the council has offered a grant to the group to help facilitate the event.

"This is in line with our agreement to support the traders to enable their year-round business prospects to be enhanced and will provide an exciting seaside feature at this festive time of year."

Coun Ernest pointed out that the town centre would get its share of festive attractions too, adding: "Barry town centre will once again host the Christmas lights switch-on and Santa's grotto and we're confident that there will be something on offer at both venues to keep both visitors and traders happy."

Last week Coun Rob Curtis proposed that a 'winter wonderland' ice rink should be located in King Square or Central Park over the Christmas period in a bid to attract visitors to the town and help hard pressed businesses.

Coun Curtis said: "Shops and businesses are desperate to get shoppers to return to Holton Road and the council should be playing its part in this.

"I am determined to do my best to help Barry businesses so I will be taking this idea through the scrutiny process but alas this will be too late for this Christmas."

Councillors welcome new crossings at Waterfront

CASTLELAND ward councillors Chris Elmore and Pamela Drake have welcomed a Vale cabinet decision to install two new crossings at the Waterfront.

Coun Chris Elmore said the news that the crossings would go ahead vindicated a campaign by local councillors and residents.

"These two new crossings are long overdue and we are thrilled to have played a part in securing them for local residents and visitors to use. I am pleased that the cabinet took the right decision."

The Vale cabinet is to install a crossing near the Gladstone Bridge and on Ffordd y Mileniwm to give better and safer access to the Waterfront.

Coun Elmore said the cabinet had issued delegated powers to Coun Geoff Cox regarding the location of the crossing on Fford Y Milleniwm, adding: "I have contacted Coun Cox on behalf of residents to seek assurances that the delegated power is simply to confirm the location of the crossing on Ffordd y Mileniwm and that this should not delay the crossing being installed."

Coun Pamela Drake told The GEM: "I am so pleased that these crossings are finally coming to the Waterfront -– it has been a very long time coming, but the important thing is that they are finally on the way!

"We have supported a local residents campaign regarding their very real concerns about the need for safe crossings since we were elected last year and while we were campaigning before the election."

Cabinet member for Vale visible services Coun Geoff Cox said: "The council is happy to have identified monies for the introduction of these highway improvements which will provide safe crossing points for pedestrians and act to reduce traffic speeds on this busy route.

"With ongoing development of the Waterfront both traffic and pedestrian movements have increased along Ffordd y Mileniwm and over Gladstone Bridge, and the completion of the Thompson Street footbridge will also introduce more pedestrians into the area."

ALL SAINTS HAVE A POTTERY PRESENT FOR AMELIA TRUST

All Saints year-3 pupil Dylan enjoying a pottery session at Amelia Trust during their Harvest Festival open day recently.

THE ceramics workshop at the Amelia Trust Farm has recently received the gift of a kiln from All Saints Church in Wales Primary School.

Extensive building work and updating of high tech resources at the school meant that this piece of equipment was no longer needed.

The kiln is in the process of being upgraded at Amelia Trust and resident artist, Nikki Hale, has extended a big 'thank you' to headteacher Richard Ware at All Saints School for the gift.

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'Need for more trains in the Vale' says Plaid's candidate

IN a response to the Wales Transport Plan consultation, which came to an end on October 12, Plaid Cymru candidate for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, has called for an increase in trains making the run between Barry and Bridgend.

He explained: "The re-opening of the Vale line that links Rhoose and Llantwit Major with Bridgend, Barry and Cardiff has been a great success, but residents need a more regular service than just one an hour.

"Recent announcements made by Ieuan Wyn Jones, the Minister for Economy and Transport, and Network Rail mean that there will be more trains through central Cardiff because of £7m of improvements at Cogan Junction and there is the suggestion of an extra platform at Barry station.

"Vale residents must share in this improved public transport so that they don't face the irritation of missing services by a matter of minutes and then waiting another hour to travel to work or back home.

"This will also improve rail access to the airport at Rhoose so that visitors to Wales, will have a more pleasant arrival and easier transfer, and it will be more convenient for holiday-makers flying out from Cardiff Airport."

SUPPORT THE HEROES

'SING and Support' Help for Heroes at a karaoke and disco night, at the Old Flying Club, Cardiff Airport, Rhoose, on Saturday, October 24, from 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5, with all profits going to the 'Help the Heroes' charity, but they are limited, so must be bought in advance. No payment will be accepted on the door.

Checker Cars is offering a discount of 30 per cent on pre-booked taxis for people who are attending the evening at the Flying Club.

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TWO MAYORS HOLD A SUMMIT MEETING

RECENTLY, the Mayor of the London borough of Southwark, Coun Jeff Hook, visited the Mayor of Barry Town Council, Councillor Howard Hamilton in the Barry Mayor's Parlour.

Southwark Mayor, Jeff Hook (left) with Barry Mayor Howard Hamilton.

As reported in last week's GEM, Coun Hook was born and brought up in Barry, where he attended Jenner Park Primary School and Barry Boys Comprehensive School.

He moved to Southwark in 1987 and was first elected to Southwark Council to represent the Rotherhithe Ward in a by-election in December 1998.

In May 2002, he was re-elected and served as chief whip.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 588.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Vale's Charlie backs 'Energy Saving Week'

THE Vale of Glamorgan's 'climate change champion' is encouraging people across the region to go 'green' and help save the planet during Energy Saving Week.

Charlie Young, aged 17 and from the Vale, is supporting the event run by the Energy Saving Trust, this week, in his role as one of the Welsh Assembly Government's six climate change champions.

The champions were appointed to their eco-role to raise awareness about how people and businesses in Wales can reduce their carbon footprint.

Charlie and his fellow champions will be taking part in week-long tasks to encourage five families in their area to take simple steps to reduce their carbon footprints and save money on their fuel bills.

The Energy Saving Trust is asking people to consider how they can adopt 'green' alternatives in three key areas: transport; water, and energy:

● People are being encouraged to leave the car behind and walk, cycle or catch the bus or train to work.

● Families can reduce water usage by installing a hippo in their toilet. The hippo bag fits into the household toilet cistern and each time the toilet is flushed the Hippo saves approximately three litres.

Charlie has been persuading his neighbours to take-up the energy challenge. He said: "Energy Saving Week is a great opportunity for us all to think about how we can make small changes to reduce our carbon footprint."

Vale climate change champion, Charlie Young, is urging people across the region to install energy-saving light bulbs in their homes to help the environment and save money during Energy Saving Week.

Rotary helping victims of latest tsunami disaster

THANKS to the dedication of Barry Rotary members, vital relief supplies are heading to Samoa, the Philippines and American Samoa following the tsunami and earthquake.

The disasters have destroyed villages, leaving hundreds of people in chaos and worrying for missing loved ones. Water survival boxes, Shelterboxes and Aquaboxes will provide temporary homes and clean water during this terrible time.

Barry Rotary Club has donated two Shelterboxes, which will provide two needy families with temporary living accommodation until something more permanent has been provided.

A spokesman said: "Money for this type of project, together with support for the local community, is raised by events such as the annual fireworks at Barry Island on November 5, so please give generously to the bucket collection."

If you think you or your organisation could help, please call the secretary of Barry Rotary Club, Carl Kerr, on 01446 745243.

Road works

Church Road, Bridge Street, Cowbridge Street, Barry – traffic barriers in place; carriageway width restrictions.

Pontypridd Street, junction with Mount Pleasant – footway restriction in place.

Weston Square tunnel, Cardiff Road, Barry – ongoing road closure.

VALE PACT MEETINGS

CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre, is today (October 22) at 7pm.

RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, October 27, 7pm.

CADOC PACT, Palmerston Community Centre, October 28, 7pm.

ST BRIDES PACT, St Brides Major Church Hall, November 4, 6pm.

GRAIG PENLLYN coffee and chat meeting, Barley Mow, November 4, 11am.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact your local Neighbourhood Policing or log onto www.ourbobby.com

WHAT'S ON - in brief

AM's surgery

DAVID MELDING, Conservative Assembly Member for the South Wales Central region, will be holding an advice surgery on October 23, at 29 High Street, Barry, between 10am-11.30am.

No appointments are necessary and all are welcome to attend.

Rhoose bingo

RHOOSE and District Community Association is holding bingo at the community hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose, on Saturday, October 24, from 2pm-4pm.

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Memorial concert for 'much-loved' Fflur

Pupils say farewell to favourite teacher

IT was a poignant evening earlier this month when a Vale school held a memorial concert for a much-loved teacher.

Pupils and staff at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg packed Barry Memorial Hall in tribute to their teacher, Miss Fflur Bedwyr, who tragically died in August.

Students and teachers from both Bro Morgannwg and Glantaf, Fflur's previous school, performed on the stage to an audience of more than 700 people in her memory.

However, rather than being a memorial, the evening was staged as a celebration of Fflur's life, her interests and her passions.

Her love of the Eisteddfod was commemorated by the junior choir, the year-13 recitation group and by a cerdd dant solo by Lisa Williams, all of whom competed in the Urdd Eisteddfod over the summer.

The staff paid tribute to their colleague by forming a choir, singing 'Pam Fod Eira'n Wyn?', originally by Dafydd Iwan, in homage to Fflur's adoration of the Welsh language, and the year-8 drama group performed a sketch of two cultures, Wales and India, in memory of her position as RE teacher at the school, and of her love of diversity.

Eleri Owen and Ruth Pilcher performed their rendition of 'Adre' by Gwyneth Glyn, Will Havard performed a guitar solo, the year-12 BTEC group performed 'Slow Dance' and the girls' quartet from Glantaf sang 'Haleliwia!'

Fflur was a great advocate of the young talent in both schools, and believed strongly in encouraging the students in her care to reach their potential. One of the highlights of the evening was the debut performance of a composition by Jacob Ellis about the loss the school felt for their teacher.

The mood lightened with a musical item from the show *High School Musical*, and Glantaf boys choir's performance of a translation of 'You Raise Me Up' (Dyrchefir fi').

To highlight Fflur's love of Welsh culture, there were two performances on the harp, the first a recital by Mrs Margaret Harris of an

ABOVE: Fflur Bedwyr.

extremely tender cainc, or song, especially written for Fflur by Owain Siôn, and the second, a more celebratory harp duet, by Martha Holeyman and Megan Morris of the sixth form.

Throughout the evening, there were several recitations of poetry, the first by Sara Meredith of 'So Many Different Lengths of Time' to help us come to terms with the loss of Fflur, the second by Ruth Pilcher of 'Etifeddiaeth', as a reminder of the Welsh values Fflur held, the third by Mrs Ffion Harris of 'Mesur Dyn' to remind us not to forget her, the fourth by Miss Anne Tilley of an anonymous poem explaining how we should remember Fflur, and the final recitation, read by Mollie Arbuthnot, was memories, written by the German teachers in Bro Morgannwg's partner school in Germany, of their time spent with Fflur.

The evening's performances closed with a performance by Caryl Parry Jones of two of her famous songs, 'Yr Ail Fiolin' and 'Adre'.

Later, the audience, all family members, students, friends, colleagues and former colleagues of Fflur, were invited to stay and share memories of a woman so very well-loved, and whose loss will be felt for years to come by the people she left behind.

Ruth Pilcher

WHAT'S ON - in brief

Horticultural society's AGM

THE AGM of the Llantwit Major Horticultural Society will be held on Wednesday, October 28, at 7.30pm, in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

Doors open at 7pm and refreshments will follow the meeting.

The society is organising a trip to Hestercombe Gardens and Christmas Market, near Taunton, Somerset, on Sunday, November 22, leaving the rugby club car park at 8.30am.

Bookings may be made at the above meeting or by telephone to the trips secretary, Elizabeth Rees on 01446 750387.

Legion's AGM

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Thanks go to Barry choir

I WOULD be grateful if, through your newspaper, I could thank the members and organisers of the Barry Male Voice Choir annual concert.

The concert took place last Saturday, October 17, in the impressive setting of All Saints Church, Barry, and was a treat for all who attended.

The programme was lively and varied, with a wonderful mix of modern and traditional songs, and was enhanced by the performance of the guest artists – the Orwell Ladies' Choir from Ipswich.

I would like to thank the choirs and the audience for their warm welcome, which added to my enjoyment of the evening.

Alana Davies,
Labour Parliamentary Candidate
Vale of Glamorgan

Barry eyesore

AS visitors to Barry step out of the railway station they are faced with the uninviting sight of Bird Cage Walk on the opposite side of the road.

It has been fenced off for some time and has now become terribly overgrown! It is a disgrace!

Can something be done please?

Mrs DE Coombes Herridge

Labour's Vale candidate showed 'poor judgement'

I CONSIDER that the letter penned by M Lobb of Llantwit Major and printed on page 6 of The GEM (October 15) to be one of the more excellent ones I have read.

His first class argument that Mrs Alana Davies showed poor judgement when she quoted the percentage figures published in the recent GEM poll about the DTC was nothing other than superb.

His case was then strengthened by the 'footnote' added to his letter indicating that the poll was not an in-depth study.

Any potential Member of Parliament who makes poor judgements to further their political views, cannot really be considered seriously for such an office.

FMD Knill, Pendoylan

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'GIVE US SERVICES THAT WE DESERVE'

I READ The GEM letter last week headed 'Airport Chief – Let's all pull together' from Mr Hodgetts with interest and dismay.

I don't know whether he is kidding himself, or trying to kid us about the availability of flights from Cardiff Airport.

We live 10 minutes from the airport and go on holidays/trips at least twice a year. Every time we travel, we try to find a flight from our local airport, but to no avail. We always end up at Bristol or London (we can't even get a flight to London!).

Even if there is a comparable holiday from Cardiff, due to the very high charges they levy to the airlines, the surcharge can be £50+ per person for a holiday – compared to Gatwick.

Even when we finally did find and book a holiday from Cardiff (Airtours to Tunisia in February 2010), we received a letter last month telling us our holiday will not depart from Cardiff any more, but Bristol at 5am!

So, come on Mr Hodgetts, you said we should "all pull together", we're doing our share,

How about our local airport giving us the services we deserve, instead of being the laughing stock of the UK?

Martin Chatham, Llantwit Major

It is time for compromise on the Winchfield project

REGARDING the Winchfield Project, Graig Penllyn, there have been various letters to the GEM and I feel that it is now time that a little common sense and compromise came into play to reunite the village on what has proved to be an extremely contentious issue.

No-one can challenge the idyllic view of youngsters learning to ride their pedal bikes in a safe environment, but as we all know, there is another side to the story.

For those residents, like me, living near the tennis court car park (which is surrounded by the current proposal), we are already experiencing unwelcome night time activities as can be witnessed by discarded cigarette packets, alcohol cans and used condoms.

Now, do we really need a six feet wide track circling what is currently an unspoilt green field? I have not found one athlete to date who would use it on a regular basis as they have told me that they prefer running the lovely lanes around the villages.

What does concern me is how can we stop youngsters learning to drive cars or racing motorbikes on this surface as I believe that the police cannot intervene as the land is private community owned. I have witnessed this happening in Penarth parks before moving to the village.

A possible way forward, and one which could achieve a suitable compromise for all villagers, would be to surface a track about three feet wide (not the six feet as planned) running one length of the field only together with a resurfaced 'cinder path'.

A similar track could be laid around the children's play area which would prove a very safe area for them to learn to ride their bikes.

There is a need for further consultation on this issue with all village residents and the motion that I would like to see on an agenda at such a meeting is the above rather than one calling for votes of no confidence in the current residents' committee.

Final word on this matter? Simples!

AH Chadwick, Graig Penllyn

Candidate not local enough?

I WAS amused to see how desperate Plaid Cymru have become in the Vale of Glamorgan since losing two council seats to Labour in the last local elections.

This time they have attacked Alana Davies, Labour's parliamentary candidate in the Vale, not because of what she has said or what she stands for, but instead because she's not from Barry.

I wonder, is this just nasty nationalism or yet another example of Plaid's mentality? It's true Alana isn't from Barry, she's from Porthcawl.

Robert Morgan, Barry Island

Waiting for a response

CASCADING through my letterbox recently came a two-sided A4 leaflet from Alana Davies, Labour candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan.

It contains no less than seven photographs spread over the two sides, in case I should forget what she looks like. Surely one would suffice?

The leaflet states she will "listen to the people" and "never take you or the constituency for granted". Excellent – except that several weeks ago I sent her an enquiry on her views; I then needed to send her a reminder to which she responded only to say that life was hectic and she would reply "as soon as I can".

Christopher Short, Barry

Communities First scheme

THE Communities First Good Neighbour Scheme is now being launched by the co-ordinator and staff, together with a committee of volunteers.

This will eventually be a resident-led initiative, and we hope that any resident in the area who would like to be involved either in helping or being helped, will telephone Michelle on 01446 732406, or call at the Communities First Office at Aberaeron Close, Gibbonsdown.

Val Higgins and Eileen Edwards,
Barry volunteers.

HANDS OFF CAVALIERS

I REFER to Derek Willetts' letter in last week's GEM with the title 'Cavalier drivers are the problem'. I think this is grossly unfair. It is not just drivers of Cavaliers that contravene traffic signals. Just yesterday I saw a Golf drive through a red light.

Andrew Campbell, Llantwit Major

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LLANTWIT OPTOMETRIST CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

ABOVE: Pictured are Chris (left) with senior receptionist Sharon Griffiths, receptionist Julie Jones and workshop manager Darren Davies.

LLANTWIT MAJOR optometrist Chris Williams celebrated the 10th anniversary of the opening of his practice in Newton House this week.

Chris commented: "I can't believe it has gone so quickly. I would like to thank the people of Llantwit for their support over the last 10 years, and for entrusting their eyecare to this practice. They have certainly kept me busy."

Two years ago the practice was extended to offer additional services including an on-site workshop and lab. A new second consulting room gives full disabled access as well as providing space for Low Visual Aid assessment and colorimetry.

Chris first came to Llantwit Major in 1993, working locally before opening his own practice six years later. Over the years he has become well known in the town, not only for his work, but also for his musical exploits with Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society, his band the Glam Organs and his involvement with Major Music.

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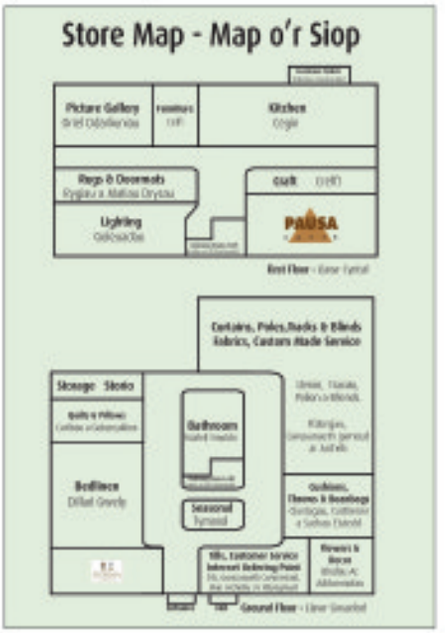

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Plaid AM hails work of the Llandough food co-op

A NEW food co-operative in Dinas Powys has been praised by a regional AM.

Assembly Member Chris Franks, who lives in Dinas Powys, visited the 'Llandough Veg Patch', a co-operative that provides fruit and vegetables for local residents.

He said: "I congratulate the Llandough fruit and veg co-operative. One Llandough resident has written to me saying how hard it is to walk to the shops outside the community.

"This scheme offers a good service to the public. The volunteers who run the co-operative have worked hard to get this scheme up and running and it is looking for volunteers to help bag produce and take orders from customers.

"Local residents deserve easy access to fresh food. The health benefits of fresh fruit and vegetables are well known."

The co-operative is open every Friday, 10am-12noon at Llandough and Leckwith Memorial Hall, Penlan Road, Llandough, and has now been running for a month.

There are fruit bags, vegetable bags, salad bags and stir fry bags available at £2.50 each, which are supplied by Michael Brown from Bessemer Road fruit market, Cardiff.

RIGHT: Chris Franks with members of the food co-op.

'Flood fayre' is held at St Richard Gwyn School

VALE Assembly Member Jane Hutt, attended the flood fayre at St Richard Gwyn High School.

The school has experienced a number of devastating flooding events over the past few years.

She spoke to flood fayre organisers, Steve and Marilyn Blakeman, Welsh Water, Assembly officials, and local residents and councillors, as well as headteacher, Mr Mike Clinch.

Ms Hutt said: "The flood fayre provided an important opportunity to bring together all the agencies who can make an impact on alleviating the flood threats across the Vale, including St Richard Gwyn RC High School.

"I have asked for a report from the Vale Council and the Environment Minister on flood risk management measures across the Vale. Action is needed to prevent further flooding events, and I am also keen to see the use of European funds to help fund any flood prevention work."

ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM at St Richard Gwyn School, along with Couns Neil and Anne Moore, and Steve and Marilyn Blakeman.

Park and ride plan for Barry Dock

THANKS to £40,000 funding from the South East Wales Transport Alliance (Sewta) and the Vale Council, outline design work will be undertaken for proposed park and ride facilities for Barry Dock rail station.

Welcomed by Coun Jeffrey James, the cabinet member for planning and transportation, the work and a feasibility study is being undertaken with the intention of bidding for development monies for the site near the Barry Docks offices in 2010.

Coun James, who is also chair of Sewta, said: "This is part of a joint vision of both the Vale council and Sewta to encourage greater use of the rail service and reduce car use for commuting purposes. The recent upgrade of the Barry Dock station has resulted in more people being attracted to rail travel, and a park and ride facility is the next step."

Sully Bridge Club elects committee

SULLY Bridge Club is a flourishing club with 100 fully paid up members with a waiting list of more than a dozen.

The club meets on a Monday and Wednesday, sessions are from 2pm-5pm and on Saturdays from 7pm-10pm.

On average, there are between 12-14 tables for each session, making for a most competitive and social atmosphere.

At our AGM the following members were elected to the committee for the coming year: resident, Doug Claxton; chairman, Malcolm Frieze; secretary, Sean MacDougall; treasurer, Val Hetheridge; catering, Evarard Kerslake: Committee: Audrey Eves, Anne MacDougall and Roger Cradick.

The club provides regular information and results at: sullybridgeclub.org.uk.

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Volunteers sought

WALES' heart charity, the British Heart Foundation (BHF) is looking for new volunteers to form a group in the Barry, Penarth and Dinas Powys area.

Local BHF volunteer manager, Glenda Meakin, said: "We would be grateful for any help and would like to form a new group so that we can organise some exciting local events and raise money for an important cause. If readers have a few hours a month to spare we would be really glad of their support to help beat Wales' biggest killer – heart disease."

If anyone is interested in knowing more on how they can get involved in volunteering, please contact Glenda Meakin, fundraising volunteer manager on 029 2089 0148/07718 638158 or email meaking@bhf.org.uk.

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STRICTLY'S 'MR NASTY' SHOWS HIS NICE SIDE TO LLANFAIR PUPILS

PHOTOGRAPHS by MALCOLM NUGENT

PUPILS from Llanfair Primary School in the Vale had a celebrity visitor last week – and it was because the school had won a national dance competition.

As a result, BBC TV's ultra-critical judge, Craig Revel Horwood, came to see the pupils in action – and he had nothing but praise for their dance routine!

Llanfair was one of six primary schools to win a place on the 'Bone Factor' tour, which aims to highlight the medical condition osteoporosis.

Hundreds of schools from across the UK entered the competition which was organised by the National Osteoporosis Society.

The Llanfair pupils were selected for their "unique and creative dance" as well as for showing their understanding of the importance of weight-bearing exercise and a healthy diet to increase bone health.

Craig is due to visit all six winning schools on the tour, and he was impressed by the pupils' routine and by their costumes – designed to make them look like dancing skeletons.

The routine had been choreographed by Emma Goodfield, who teaches the year-5 and year-6 age groups at the school.

The school's headteacher, Mrs Dianne Normansell, told The GEM: "It was a fantastic day, and the children were really excited about Craig coming to the school.

"They were delighted to have the chance to perform for him."

Mrs Normansell explained that, as the dance was created last term, about half of the pupils had moved on to the local comprehensive schools, but they were given permission to return for the day.

Craig spent some time giving the pupils some tips, and even had time to sweep Pat Curnow, a learning support assistant at the school, right off her feet in a waltz!

Brendan Cole wasn't quite so confrontational when challenged by Craig's new friends!

ABOVE: Learning support assistant Pat Curnow is swept off her feet by Craig.

ABOVE: Choreographer and teacher Emma Goodfield

Romilly pupils see their artwork on display in Senedd building

BARRY'S Romilly School pupils were delighted to see their inspiring art work on display at the Senedd last week, when they visited the National Assembly for Wales to meet their Assembly Member, Jane Hutt.

She had invited them to bring their exhibition, which was recently featured at Washington Gallery, Penarth and Barry Town station.

The AM said: "The exhibition of work supported by artists Jean Francis and David Button has won much admiration and motivated pupils to see how far they can stretch their talents and imagination to embrace the architecture of their homes and communities."

LEFT: Romilly School pupils with their teachers Fiona Rodgers and Jane Mullane, and Assembly Member Jane Hutt .

Vale voluntary groups are at the centre of celebrations

THE Vale Council held a celebration event at the Town Hall recently to thank voluntary groups in the Vale for their hard work.

Coun Gordon Kemp, leader of the council, presented a cheque totalling £225,000 at the ceremony, showing the full value of grants donated to approximately 200 voluntary organisations in the Vale, including charities, sports and lifesaving clubs, arts groups and youth facilities.

Llantwit Major Ladies Choir, who were also recipients of a grant, performed during the evening.

Organisations that attended the event were: Rhoose Lifeguard Club, Barry Veteran Bowlers Association, Barry & District Chrysanthemum Society, Dinas Powys Athletic Club, Boccia Rollers, Llantwit Major Horticultural Society, Sully Sports RFC Junior Section, Penarth District Scout Council, Merchant Navy Association of Wales (Barry Branch), Crystal Springs Conservation Group, Llantwit Major Ladies Choir, Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society, Llanmaes Social Committee, St Nicholas Community Association, Barry Ambulance 1st Responders, Murchfield Community Association, Welsh St Donats & District Community Association and Vale of Glamorgan Artists.

ABOVE: Leader of the Council, Coun Gordon Kemp presents a cheque totalling £225,000 representing the full value of grants donated to Vale voluntary organisations.

School councillors are elected

IT has been a busy time for pupils at Holton Primary School.

Elections took place with two children from each year group becoming school councillors.

School councillors are elected to represent their peers in meetings and discussions and to become involved in school projects.

Last year, the school council was involved in the successful production and filming of a road safety video in conjunction with the South Wales Police.

The chair of governors, Mr D Butler, visited the school to present council members with badges.

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Pink Power at Talbot Green

TALBOT GREEN hosts a family festival day this Saturday (October 24) in a collaboration between a local hotel and retail park.

Part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the 'Pink Power' family festival promises an action-packed day, split between the Three Saints Hotel and the Talbot Green Shopping Park – with a pink limo shuttle running every 15 minutes between the venues.

There will be street entertainers and 'pink events' at the shopping centre and a fundraising fayre – with dance lessons, hair braiding, cake stall, tarot readings, face painting and much more taking place at the hotel.

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Barry pupils take a trip to the moon via Techniquest!

The great thing about Techniquest is that it is a 'hands-on' experience!

THE year-2 pupils of All Saints Church in Wales Primary School enjoyed an exciting morning at Techniquest.

Together with teachers Mrs Evans and Mrs Martin and some lovely parent helpers, the pupils had lots of fun taking part in the various investigations and finding out how things work.

They visited the planetarium and enjoyed a virtual 'Trip to the Moon' and also studied the various constellations of the night sky.

It was such a beautiful day that the children were able to enjoy a picnic on the terrace overlooking the bay, before having even more fun investigating how to create sounds and music in the upstairs section of Techniquest.

The teachers thanked the excellent staff at Techniquest for providing year-2 with the opportunity to enhance their science studies in such an exciting way.

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A chance to take part in a practical experiment.

The 'partly invisible' pupil.

COLCOT PRIMARY SCHOOL ROUND UP

A fond farewell to Mrs Jones

THE children and staff of Colcot Primary School have said goodbye to Mrs Maria Jones, who has had links with the school for the past 17 years!

She began her relationship as a parent, and saw her two sons, Nicky and Matthew, move through the school and on to Barry Comprehensive School.

It was while Matthew was at the school that she applied for a job as a learning support assistant and took on the role of staff member too.

In the last two years, Maria further supported the school by becoming a member of the governing body.

A school spokesman said: "We are grateful for all that Maria has done for the school and wish her every success in her new home."

DM

LEFT: Maria leaving the school.

Sharing the harvest at Colcot Primary

ONCE again, the children, parents and staff of Colcot Primary School have made a huge effort to produce a colourful display of produce to celebrate harvest.

The Harvest service that took place on October 6 was a celebration by the children of the Colcot through music, song and poetry.

They gave thanks for the food that is provided for us from day-to-day, but also thought of those people who are not as lucky as us in the local and world-wide community.

The school continues to sponsor an African child, becoming more aware of the plight faced by children in the Third World.

The gifts of harvest were received by Mr Matt Lewis, a visitor to the school from Bethesda Church, who regularly engages the children during assembly with his religious stories.

On this occasion he joined in with the message of sharing and looking after others so ably begun by the children, with a modern take on the story of 'The Lost Sheep'.

Following the service, year-6 children distributed the fresh produce to the senior citizens living in the local area.

The tinned parcels will be stored until Christmas and given as gifts from the Colcot families to elderly friends of the school who attend the afternoon performance of the Christmas concert.

DM

News from Barry Comprehensive School

Working out one of the numeracy activities.

ABOVE: Preparing for the masses to come and vote for the annual school election.

Wicked maths

BARRY Comprehensive School's mathematics department welcomed the parents and families of year-7 pupils to return to the classroom and take part in a special Wicked Maths evening.

The relaxed and enjoyable evening saw parents and their sons working together to gain an insight into the year-7 mathematics course and the topics that they will be set during the year.

Equally important was the opportunity for parents to meet with their son's mathematics teacher in an informal setting.

This year's event was very well attended and hailed a success by Mrs Bagshaw, head of mathematics, who felt the parents gained a useful understanding of the learning techniques that will be used by their sons throughout the year.

Pencils poised to tackle a new maths problem.

ABOVE: "Let the voting begin!"...

School edition

BARRY Comprehensive's school council held its annual whole school election last week with an impressive turnout.

The process is designed to mirror the general election, but unlike the general election, over 80 per cent of the 1,400 pupils voted, and many classes reported a 100 per cent turnout. Pupils enjoyed voting and took the process very seriously.

This year's elections were superbly organised by Mrs Kennedy's year-12 Welsh Baccalaureate group as part of the Working with Others Wider Key Skill.

Each form group voted for one pupil to represent them at the Year Council. Each year council then selects two members to represent their views at the School Council. The school council can look forward to a busy year and hope to build on the progress made last year, especially in terms of recycling, charity fund raising and community participation.

Pupils this year also had the opportunity to vote for two members of their year to join the schools eco-committee. The eco-committee will be working hard to tackle a number of environmental issues in the school and have set themselves the bold target of gaining the eco-schools green flag.

The results of both the school council and eco-committee results have been announced in assemblies and the newly-elected members are keen to get started as soon as possible.

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BARRY COLLEGE STUDENTS' CATWALK EVENT PUTS THE 'WELSH BAC' CENTRE STAGE

BARRY COLLEGE Welsh Baccalaureate learners have taken a turn on the catwalk in a competition to design a T-shirt that best describes their course.

As part of the course, the leisure and tourism and business and IT students had to form groups to design the T-shirts.

One member of the group then modelled the shirt, while another explained why its design represented the Welsh Bac.

The groups also had to come up with a slogan that reflected the ideas behind the qualification and their response to it as students. The winners each received a USB stick and chocolates.

ABOVE: The T-shirts being modelled.

The two first prizes went to T-shirts modelled by Cheuk Hay Tang, aged 16 from Barry, and James Darlington, aged 16, who lives in Cardiff.

The Welsh Baccalaureate is a uniquely Welsh qualification designed to prepare students for higher education.

Penarth artist inspires local college students

A WELL-KNOWN Penarth artist was so impressed by the creative efforts of students at a local college that he has donated a piece of his own work to inspire them to keep up the good work.

ABOVE: Richard O'Connell presents his picture.

Richard O'Connell has had a studio in Penarth for nearly 20 years, and first saw the work of the students from Beechwood College in Sully at an exhibition the college hosted at the Washington Gallery earlier this year in aid of Learning Disability Week 2009.

At Beechwood, high importance is placed on the use of art as a form of both therapy and enjoyment, and a variety of the students' work was put on display – with the aim of challenging common misconceptions about learning disability and its affect on an individual's ability.

Beechwood student, Joe Hill (19), who has lived at the college for the past three years was delighted that a respected artist had taken the time to visit and lend his support in this way. "Art is my favourite subject and I really enjoy my lessons here. I love painting landscapes and looking at Richard's painting has already given me lots of inspiration for my next project."

Richard added: "I was so impressed by the Washington Gallery exhibition featuring the students' artwork and I think the focus on art as a form of therapy is a great way to encourage the students to express themselves and really demonstrate their ability."

Beechwood College principal, Darren Jackson said everyone at the college was delighted with Richard's support:

"At Beechwood, participation in some sort of artistic activity is an option for all students, whatever their level of ability and we view it as an extremely valuable communication tool that allows individuals to express themselves in different ways."

For further information about Beechwood College, visit www.beechwood-college.co.uk.

Halloween Fright Night event for Barry under-18s

A HALLOWEEN-THEMED event for under-18s takes place in the Memorial Hall, Barry on October 31.

Organised by Vibe Experience, in partnership with South Wales Police, Safer Vale and the Vale Youth Service, 'Fright Night' features radio station DJs of KISS 101 , Matt Rogers and Reece Carter, as well as Beatbox act Beatbox Fozzy.

There will be music from KISS 101, live dance and music performances, Ibiza-style laser, dance podium, competitions and Halloween games.

Beatbox Fozzy, the Welsh hip hop and rap artist, amazed the audience last year. Also on stage will be Barry's award winning dance group 'Motion Control' who will give a special Michael Jackson tribute 'Thriller' performance.

"We run a great deal of activities for young people in Barry," said Mike Bendell, Vibe's event manager.

"Since 1998, we have developed a number of crime diversion activities and services for organisations and agencies which have a major impact on the reduction in youth annoyance and crime in the local area.

"By staging this event on Halloween night, we are providing a much-needed diversion which in recent years has had a major impact on reported crime in Barry."

For further information, please contact Vibe Experience Ltd, 41 Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4HB, telephone 01446 733622.

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION AND VARIATION OF CONSERVATION AREAS

Notice is hereby given, under section 70(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 that The Vale of Glamorgan Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Local Planning Authority") has by a resolution passed on 25th March 2009, made variations to the areas designated as the Aberthin, Boverton, Broughton, Colwinston, Dinas Powys, Drope, Llancadle, Llandow, Llangan, Llantrithyd, Michaelston Le Pit, Monknash, Pendoylan, Penmark, Peterston Super Ely, Porthkerry, Rhoose, St. Brides Major and St. Georges Conservation Areas as referred to in Schedule 1 to 19 hereto. These areas are considered by the Council to be of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve and enhance.

The effect of the variations are as follows:

1. Conservation area consent will now be required for the demolition of all unlisted buildings (other than excepted buildings) in the designated area;
2. Planning applications for development which would in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority affect the character or appearance of the designated area must be given publicity and representations received as a result of the publicity must be taken into account in determining the application;
3. It becomes an offence subject to certain exceptions to cut down, top, lop, uproot, willfully damage or willfully destroy any tree in the area except with the consent of the Local Planning Authority within the designated area;
4. The Local Planning Authority are now under a duty to formulate and publish proposals for the presentation and enhancement of the designated area.
5. The restrictions above (1 – 4) no longer apply to areas that no longer form part of the designated area.

Plans showing the revised boundaries of the Conservation Areas and copies of the Character Appraisals and Management Plans defining the special character of the areas are available for inspection during office hours at the office of the Director of Environmental and Economic Development, Planning and Transportation, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry. Alternatively, they can be viewed and downloaded from the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Rob Thomas, Head of Planning and Transportation, Vale of Glamorgan Council

Schedule 1 – Aberthin Conservation Area
(Properties no longer forming part of the Conservation Area)
1 – 2 Brynawel
1 – 10 Chapel Close
1 – 10 The Orchard
Awelfan
Brooklands
Church Cottage
Fern Bank
Orchard House

Schedule 2 – Boverton Conservation Area
(Properties no longer forming part of the Conservation Area)
9 – 15 Gaskell Close

In addition, the Conservation Area has been extended to include a parcel of land to the south of the rear boundaries of No's 2 – 40 Harding Close and north of the Boverton Brook.

Schedule 3 – Broughton Conservation Area
(Properties designated as additional parts to the existing Conservation Area)
The Old Farmhouse
Ty Capel
Broughton Cottage
Sunnybank
Claremont
Homeleigh
Penydraith
Flat 1 – 12 Malthouse Court

(Properties no longer forming part of the Conservation Area)
Westville

In addition, the Conservation Area has been reduced to exclude parcels of land to the east of Rivendell and Avalon, and to the north of Westwood Cottage; and to the west of the Old Carpenters Arms, The Old Shop, Ivy Cottage, Ash Cottage and Oak Cottage.

Schedule 4 – Colwinston Conservation Area
(Properties no longer forming part of the Conservation Area)
1 – 5 Yew Tree Close
1 – 12 Twyn Yr Eglwys
1 – 10 The Vines
1 – 3 St Michael's Close
Meadow View
Orchard House
Ty Collen
Clevis Orchard
Clevis Lodge
Ashcroft

Schedule 5 – Dinas Powys Conservation Area
(Properties no longer forming part of the Conservation Area)
4 Britway Road
5 – 17 (Odds) Cardiff Road
1 – 8, & 10 Mill Close
1 – 4 Wesley Court
1 – 5 Old Malthouse, Station Road
Old Malthouse, Station Road
Youth House, Station Road
Maes Glas, Pen-Y-Turnpike Road

Schedule 6 – Drope Conservation Area
(Properties no longer forming part of the Conservation Area)
Downsend
Greenmeadow
Llys Y Celyn
Sunnybank
Woodhaze

In addition, the Conservation Area has been reduced to exclude parcels of land to the north and south west of the above properties, and extended to include parcels of land to the south of the Old Rectory and Rose Cottage; and north west of Drope Farm.

Schedule 7 – Llancadle Conservation Area
(Properties no longer forming part of the Conservation Area)
Andros
Cuba Cottage
Cwmeldeg
Green Dragon Inn
Meadow View
Stoneleigh House
The Coppice

The boundary has been further amended to take into account property boundaries in order to form a logical boundary.

Schedule 8 – Llandow Conservation Area
The field that lies between Ty Fry Farm and Grove Road has been removed from the Conservation Area. The boundary has been further amended to take into account property boundaries in order to form a logical boundary.

Schedule 9 – Llangan Conservation Area

The field between Preswylfa and Waunpentre has been removed from the Conservation Area.

Schedule 10 – Llantrithyd Conservation Area
Fields to the south-west of Llanmihangel Place and Church House, and to the north of Park Cottage have been removed from the Conservation Area.

Schedule 11 – Michaelston Le Pit Conservation Area
The field to the north of the Courtyard has been removed from the Conservation Area. The boundary has been further amended to take into account property boundaries in order to form a logical boundary.

Schedule 12 – Monknash Conservation Area
(Properties no longer forming part of the Conservation Area)

Serenbrook
Bay Cottage
Holmlea
Stable Cottage
Gosling Cottage
Springfield

Schedule 13 – Pendoylan Conservation Area
The boundary has been amended to take into account property boundaries in order to form a logical boundary, in particular to fully enclose the boundaries of:
50, 52, 54 Heol St Cattwg;
Pentwyn;
Kingswood.

Schedule 14 – Penmark Conservation Area
The boundary has been amended to take into account property boundaries in order to form a logical boundary, in particular to fully enclose the boundaries of:
The Grange;
The Granary;
Kenson Bridge.

Schedule 15 – Peterston Super Ely Conservation Area
The field to the south of the Three Horseshoes has been removed from the Conservation Area.

Schedule 16 – Porthkerry Conservation Area
The field to the west of Elmleigh has been removed from the Conservation Area. In addition, the Conservation Area has been amended to take into account property boundaries in order to form a logical boundary, in particular to fully enclose the curtilage of Glebe Farm.

Schedule 17 – Rhoose Conservation Area
(Properties no longer forming part of the Conservation Area)
1 – 17 (Odds), 2 – 18 (Evens) and 12a Lower Farm Court
1 – 29 (Odds) and 2 – 24 (Evens) Benecrofte
1 – 3 and 5 Readers Way
1 and 1a, St Arthurs, Rhoose Road
2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 Romilly Road
1 – 6 Deans Court
1 – 17 (Odds) and 2 – 10 (Evens) Fontygary Road
1 – 3 The Nurseries, Fontygary Road
1 – 7 Brendon View Close
2 – 5 Jackson Close

Schedule 18 – St. Brides Major Conservation Area
The boundary has been amended to take into account property boundaries in order to form a logical boundary, in particular to fully enclose the boundaries of Vicarage Lawns and to form a logical boundary at Pitcot Farm.

Schedule 19 – St. Georges Conservation Area
(Properties no longer forming part of the Conservation Area)
Mornington Bungalow
The Pippins
Greendown Inn

NEWS FROM YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG

Pupils welcome friends from Germany

EARLIER this month, students studying German in year-9 at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg took part in an exchange programme with Leiniger-Gymnasium, a secondary school in Gründstadt, Germany.

Thankfully, the students from Germany brought the German sun with them, and the weather held out, and all in all, it looked to be a good week.

On the Monday, the German students left their partners at school and travelled to the Mumbles in Swansea, spending a tiring day shopping and eating ice cream in the sun.

Their second day was spent at Big Pit, and the third was spent touring Cardiff. The students especially enjoyed the visits to the Millennium Stadium and Cardiff Castle, but their meal at Pizza Hut and bowling in the evening stole the show.

In order to learn more about Welsh culture, they spent a day at St Fagans on their fourth day. Later, the school held a disco in their honour, and both sets of students enjoyed themselves as much as possible, the German students not entirely looking forward to their long drive home.

On their last day in Wales, the students joined their Welsh counterparts in school for the morning, and left in the afternoon.

During the course of their day in school, the German students played football against the Welsh and attended a few lessons, most of them commenting on how orderly the Welsh students were – although the teachers would probably beg to differ!

When the time came for the German students to leave Wales, as one student, Theresia Neumann said, "I think everyone wants to stay in Barry."

Many of the students have plans to visit each other again in the future.

RUTH PILCHER

Industry day

YEAR-7 recently enjoyed an industry day when they had the opportunity to work in teams to create a prototoy.

The school is indebted to Mr Martin Blamey from EDP for his continued support

Wanderers deliver spirited performance at St Albans

THE newly formed Vale Wanderers under-13s travelled to St Albans to play a team they had narrowly lost to at the district tournament the week before.

The Wanderers coaches were keen to try out some new combinations, particularly in the centres, which saw back row forwards Callum Howells and Rhys Forse form a new partnership with the aim of stopping the talented Buns backline moving the ball wide.

The match started with the Wanderers taking the attack to the home side, before the first of many handling errors saw the Buns pick up loose ball and outflank the defence to score the opening try, which was converted.

From a quick tap penalty, Hugo Billington used all of his height and power to drive over in the corner to cut the home side's lead to 7-5.

A bouncing ball from the re-start wasn't dealt with by the Wanderers and the Buns scored out wide.

St Albans added another converted try from a tap penalty to give them a 17-5 lead. As the half neared its end, the Wanderers saved the best till last when inside centre Rhys Forse picked up a loose ball just outside his own 22 and sprinted to score under the posts, leaving the defenders sprawled all across the park in his wake.

The try was converted by Lewys Morgan.

The half time score saw The Wanderers still in the game, but trailing 24-12.

The half-time team talk from the coaching team focused on cutting out basic errors and working on better communication and organisation.

The second half started brightly for the visitors and a driving maul resulted in an attacking scrum when Morgan Lloyd was unlucky to be adjudged to have being held up over the line.

From the resulting scrum, a strong surge saw a try awarded, as this time Lloyd had managed to place the ball at the foot of the post. The try was again converted.

This cut the lead for the Buns to 24-19 but the comeback stalled as the Buns scored two quick tries to put the game beyond the Wanderers.

As the game drew to a close, Rhys Forse scored another superb individual try and the Buns responded with the final try of the game to make the final score St Albans 48 Vale Wanderers 24.

While disappointed with the scoreline, once again. The Wanderers showed a massive improvement in their third game together.

Man of the match was Billie Jones, who playing at openside flanker tackled himself to a standstill.

TJ

Achievements of young people around the Vale are celebrated

LEFT: The Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams, Mayoress Joan and the Vale Youth Forum chair Tracey Downes (front) with representatives from local youth organisations.

YOUNG people from across the Vale celebrated a year of achievement at an event hosted by the area's mayor Coun Emlyn Williams.

The annual general meeting of the Vale Youth Forum was held at the Barry Town Hall, and representatives and officers from various youth groups and support organisations were delighted to hear that the organisation had received funding to employ its very own co-ordinator.

Vale AM Jane Hutt, the Welsh Minister for children, education, lifelong learning and skills, a long time supporter and trustee of the forum, spoke on the Welsh Assembly Government ethos on participation for children and young people. This focuses on children and young people "Having a Voice - Having a Choice."

Vale council leader Coun Gordon Kemp, a fellow forum trustee, outlined the authority's participation strategy for children and young people and said the council was very much in favour of giving children and young people a say in matters that affect them.

Forum chair Tracey Downes said: "The evening's star attractions by far were the presentations by the youngsters on the work of the Gibbonsdown Youth Forum, Penarth Youth Action, Penarth Youth Project's Voice management group, the Children's Commissioner Advisory Group and Funky Dragon. It all added up to an evening of information and entertainment.

"With the funding secured to employ a forum co-ordinator, we are looking to the future with even more optimism and to strengthening youth participation in the Vale."

Young Vale golfers get TV sponsorship

A YOUNG Vale golfer, Rhys Pugh, the youngest-ever player to represent Wales in the Home Internationals, has been made the CCV 'Welsh Amateur of the Year'.

He has also received a scholarship from S4C, together with Gemma Bradbury of Cowbridge, which will help with equipment and travelling expenses for events.

Despite trying to balance golf with preparing for his GCSEs, Rhys showed his class this season by being tied first in the English Boys Open under-16s, tied fourth in the European Young Masters and was selected for the GB and Ireland boys team to play against Europe in the Jacques Leglise Trophy.

Rhys burst to the forefront by winning a Pinnacle Men's Order of Merit event, the Aberconwy Trophy, at the age of 13.

He said: "I set my own targets and forget everything else in terms of pressure. There are a lot of new challenges ahead. Also, I have got my GCSEs in the way and then I can concentrate on my golf.

"It is a very difficult balancing act. The S4C scholarship will help a lot with equipment and travelling expenses. Playing abroad and competing in new environments is becoming more and more important, and the long term ambition is to turn pro eventually."

Gemma Bradbury was the top-scoring Wales player in the Ladies Home Internationals victory, and is about to go to the home of golf and start a four-year course at St Andrews University.

Gemma, who is 19, said: "On paper, our Home Internationals team was not as strong as last year, but we had a really good spirit. Our coach Jeremy Bennett made us believe we could go out there and do it.

"That was probably the best five out of six points I will ever get, so it was really good, but everyone contributed to the team.

"I have had a couple of good finishes, 15th in the British and sixth in the Welsh. I have just enrolled at St Andrews for the next four years so hopefully I will get a few chances on the great courses up there – it is not a bad place to develop my golf.

"After being selected for GB and Ireland, my next thing is to go for the Curtis Cup and try to be one of the top amateur players.

"The S4C scholarship will help me enter events such as the Portugese Open. I need some new equipment as well so that will really help. You have to start playing in big events like that to develop."

Vale farmers are defeated in entertaining golf competition

THE 19th annual inter-county golf competition between members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society and their counterparts from Monmouthshire took place recently at Pontypool Golf Club, with the Glamorgan team attempting to add to their 11 previous victories.

With a point at stake for both front nine, back nine and also the overall result of each match, Glamorgan suffered a major set back when the much-fancied pair of captain Ray Howell and Glyn Watts-Jones were comprehensively beaten in the opening game by Monmouthshire captain Reg Meyrick and Mike Williams.

Godfrey Lewis and Keith Walker temporarily improved the situation for Glamorgan following their whitewash of Ken Davies and Martin Ley, before Bryan Owen and Keith Davies returned with just a half-point against the home pairing of Mike Daniel and Martin Richardson.

Glamorgan's David Williams and Chris Rooney comprehensively defeated Wyndham Tranter and Phil Preece by 3-0 but disappointedly for the travelling team, Julian Kelly and Lynn Thomas could only return with half a point in their match against Andy Hildith and Nick Hill.

Brian Jones and Clive Thomas fought valiantly for their two and a half points against John Duthie and Gwyn Jones to keep the result finely balanced before disaster struck for the travelling team.

The final three matches out on the course all resulted in 3-0 defeats for Glamorgan, with Trevor Wooding and Tony McCarthy losing to Graham James and Peter Harris, Aubrey Bowen and Aubrey Thomas losing to John Anstey and Steve Waters and, finally, Keith James and Clive Edwards losing to Richard Frew and Gwyn Thomas.

The final result was a resounding win for the Monmouthshire farmers' by 18 points to Glamorgan's 12.

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RHOOSE SURF LIFEGUARDS IS A 'SUPER' CLUB!

AT the annual Surf Life Saving Association Wales presentation evening, held in Porthcawl on October 10, Rhoose Lifeguards were announced as the winners of the first-ever 'Welsh Superclub' Trophy.

Jake Bremner accepting the trophy from John Gwyn.

Jake Bremner (club chairman) accepted the huge trophy from John Gwyn (chair of the SLSA Wales Sports Commission) on behalf of the club.

The award is based on combined points from nipper, junior, senior and master competitions in both Stillwater and Ocean events.

The club was also presented with the 2009 Masters Trophy, which was accepted by Simon Parker (club vice-captain) from Jon Gwyn and the club members who were selected for the Welsh team were presented with their Welsh caps.

A club spokeswoman said: "Congratulations to all the competitors who took part in the various events throughout the year, and thanks to the parents, helpers, sponsors and particularly the coaches and officials, whose voluntary efforts in training and running the club, towing trailers, maintaining equipment and craft, and fundraising play a crucial part in the success of the club.

Simon Parker.

English-speaking union is definitely growing

Mike Evans, ESU director general; Enid Evans, Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, south Wales branch president; Gerry Price-Stephens; Derek Morgan, branch chairman; Julia Elias.

AS a result of the rapid growth in membership of the south Wales branch of the English-Speaking Union, the Annual Branches' Conference came to Cardiff for the first time.

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Branch chairman, Derek Morgan, thanked the president, Captain Sir Norman Lloyd - Edwards and all members for their wholehearted support and was delighted to announce that 2010 would be another vintage year for speakers, with confirmation already received from Sir Christopher Meyer, former Ambassador to the USA, author Guy Walters and Lord Hunt, former Secretary of State for Wales.

The summer garden party would be held at the home of Sir Geoffrey and Lady Inkin at Castle upon Alun. Members are now looking forward to returning for the third year to Howell's School, Llandaff on December 1, for the annual Christmas carols and supper with entertainment from the senior girls choir and branch vice chairman Roy Noble.

Information on membership can be obtained from Derek Morgan, 01656 669129 ; email: derekmorgan@admorgan.fsnet.co.uk.

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CASH 'recovered' from convicted criminals will be used to set up a coffee bar for young people in Pencoed.

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Vaughn's couples comedy just manages to raise a few laughs

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

SINCE witnessing his career being reborn after his acceptance of membership into the Will Ferrell-led comedy 'Frat Pack', Vince Vaughn's recent career trajectory has been somewhat of a slow descent.

After the success of *Old School* and *Dodgeball*, and various cameo roles, the likes of *The Break-Up* (poor rom-com), *Fred Claus* (made you wish there was no such thing as Christmas) and *Four Christmases* (ditto) have all seen diminishing returns for the actor.

His latest film, however, sees him not only team up with comedy actors with whom he has previously excelled, but he has also co-written the film, which is entitled *Couples Retreat*.

Three couples (Vaughn and Malin Akerman, Jon Favreau and Kristin Davies, and Faizon Love and Kali Hawk) are coerced into attending a couples retreat when their friends (played by Jason Bateman and Kristen Bell) announce they are contemplating a divorce.

However, their dreams of an idyll are shattered when all of the couples find their relationships are under the microscope, not just the one in trouble...

The premise for *Couples Retreat* is a sound one, with a bunch of skilled comedic performers who should be able to take the premise and run with it, creating a laugh-filled film. While the end product doesn't quite succeed, it is however easy, undemanding viewing that will raise the odd laugh, but without lasting overly long in the memory.

Given that Vaughn co-wrote the script with Jon Favreau (along with Dana Fox), you would be right in expecting something a little special; after all, the previous two occasions when the latter has sat down at his typewriter with Vaughn in mind, the end products have been the excellent *Swingers* and the underrated *Made*.

However, *Couples Retreat* fails to come anywhere near those films, nor is it quite the bold treatise on relationships it aims for. Behind the laughter and jokes, the marital issues are predictable, the scenarios all too familiar and offer little in the way of freshness.

What they do achieve, however, is cultivating some amusing set-pieces and gags that work well, together with a sideline in creating characters that have only small parts but make for pleasing comedic roles (step forward Peter Serafinowicz's Sctanley (sic) and Carlos Ponce's Salvadore).

There are a few laugh-aloud moments in sequences involving a 'shark attack', a Guitar Hero-cum-cowboy battle and a yoga session that seems to be skewed far more towards the females in the party, but the general tone is faintly amusing rather than highly hilarious.

Maybe because of the familiar aspect to the film, the well-worn character paths and comedic beats, there is little unexpected comedy on show, with the majority of the laughs coming from one-liners being spouted by the cast.

However, the performances don't quite manage to hit their stride, Vaughn seemingly mining from the same character he plays in nearly all of his recent films, the party-happy, relaxed guy with a tendency to embark on rants when the going gets tough.

Favreau offers a decent turn but is hamstrung by a character lacking in any real depth, while Jason Bateman is saddled with an annoying character that, try as he may, he fails to turn into anything worthwhile.

The female cast similarly tread water, Akerman failing to show any real aptitude for either comedy or acting, Kristen Bell suffering from a similar problem to Bateman, while Kristin Davies seems to be having fun, but fails to transfer it to her character.

The only turns that really work are from Faizon Love and Kali Hawk as a new couple with a 20-year-age gap, their opposing views to what constitutes fun raising the biggest laughs, and the pair give game performances that stand out brightly.

Capping off the lacklustre feel of the film is director Peter Billingsley, who does an excellent job of making the Bora-Bora location look absolutely gorgeous (must have been a tough job).

He makes a decent fist of giving the film a good feel and pace; however, at just under two hours long, it certainly outstays its welcome, feeling stretched beyond its natural length.

Given the talent behind *Couples Retreat*, you would expect far more than it delivers; despite raising a few laughs, the overall feeling is one of disappointment.

While Vince Vaughn can be thankful this isn't a disaster on the scale of *Fred Claus*, it'll take more than this run-of-the-mill comedy to get him back on track.

VERDICT – A lacklustre comedy with a few funny moments, *Couples Retreat* is disappointing given the talent involved.

While the performances of Faizon Love and Kali Hawk offer some life, the overall feel is of a film struggling to really get going – something a few laughs can't overcome. *Average*.

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In his show, Nicholas takes people on a humorous journey through the often hysterically funny memorabilia of his eventful life, which began as the son of a GP whose patients included Margaret Thatcher's parents.

As a fabulous mimic and impressionist, he recalls many of the people he has known in showbiz, such as Benny Hill, Arthur Haynes, Ed Sullivan, Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson.

Here's a tale he recalls from the 70s as host of ITV's *Sale of the Century* – remembered by the public with tremendous affection, not least for the magnificently dodgy prizes – the Goblin Teasmade, the rubber dinghy, the twin-tub washing-machine and the star prize of an Eastern European car. "There were strict limits on the value of prizes. British cars were too expensive. Once, the doors fell off the star prize (a Lada) when I went to open them...Certainly, telly is not what it used to be."

His show will take place in the 14th century Tythe Barn Theatre at St Donats Arts Centre. Tickets are available from 01446 799095 or online at www.stdonats.com.

Competition question: How many years has Nicholas Parsons been the host of Radio Four's *Just a Minute*?

The first person to contact St Donats Arts Centre on 01446 799100 with the correct answer will receive four free tickets for his show on Saturday October 24, at 7.30pm.

Cowbridge Choral Society Concert

Cowbridge Choral Society will be performing a full and varied programme of music, together with instrumental soloists at Colwinston Village Hall on **Saturday 31st October at 7.30pm.**

All proceeds will go towards St Michael's Church, Colwinston.

Entry is by programme, which costs £7 and are available from 01656 654541 and 01656 654330.

St Tathan service

THE congregation at St Tathan Church will be celebrating the Harvest with a family service on Sunday, October 25, at 10.30am and Harvest praise at 6.30pm, with the Barry Male Voice Choir.

Dinas scouts jumble sale

1ST DINAS POWIS Scout Group jumble sale is on Saturday, October 24, at 1.30pm, in the Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys. Admission 40p.

Music for food festival Sunday

MUSICIANS from around the Vale are planning a marathon music session in aid of Oxfam on the Sunday of the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival.

The event, entitled 'Oxjam', will be staged in the Living Cafe, starting at 12 noon on Sunday, October 25, and is being co-ordinated by Cowbridge-born singer-songwriter Lianne Morgan Davies.

A spokesman for the event said: "A number of local acts are already lined up, but if any talented musicians would like to come along and support the event, then they should e-mail Lianne – there is still time."

Lianne can be contacted on *contact@liannemorgan.co.uk*

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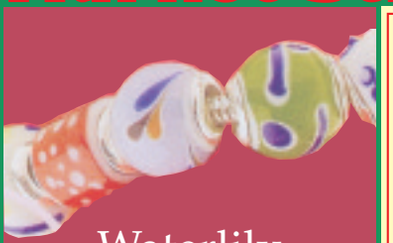

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Halloween is just around the corner and Christmas not far behind.

Look out for the street's festive promotions with prettily decorated shops and plenty going on.

The High Street monthly raffle for a chance to win £100 of High Street shopping vouchers has proved a great success. Buy your tickets from one of the many High Street shops.

The Glamorgan GEM will be doing their Christmas feature to promote the area, so make sure you promote your business to attract shoppers not just from Barry but from the surrounding areas.

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Anthony Hopkins

Out and About with The GEM

ThunderCats offer Porthcawl thrills!

ABOVE: Thundercat racing is heading to Porthcawl

AN EXCITING form of powerboat racing will be wowing the crowds at Porthcawl this weekend (October 24/25).

ThunderCat Racing is bringing its high-adrenaline powerboat spectacle to the seas at Coney Beach, where the high-speed catamarans should really show their paces in the Porthcawl surf.

The race is part of the RYA National Championship series, with points gained this weekend counting towards the final reckoning.

Porthcawl's Coun David Newton Williams told The GEM: "It is hoped that Porthcawl could be hosting these races on a regular basis in future years.

"This is a chance to see if the town would like to attract such a spectacular sport on a regular basis."

Llantwit voucher winners

THE four lucky winners of £25 vouchers to spend in Llantwit Major were:

Mr D Wilson, Llantwit Major (who chose to spend his voucher at The Flower Shop); Nancy Jenkins, Craig Penllyn, P Barrett, Bridgend and Miss D Jacqueline Wynde, Llandaff (who all chose to spend their vouchers at Filco).

Congratulations to you all!

Loch Fyne competition winner

THE winner of our competition to win a meal for four at Loch Fyne restaurant is Judi Mendelssohn of Cowbridge. Congratulations, and keep reading for more great GEM competitions.

Cowbridge voucher winner

THE winner of our recent '£100 shopping voucher in Cowbridge' competition was Jayne Leonard of Bridgend, who chose to spend the voucher at High Street Jewellers.

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GEM columnist's book signing

GEM columnist Brian Lee will be signing copies of his new book *Cardiff Remember When* (published by Breedon Books at £17.99) at Borders bookshop on The Hayes, Cardiff, on October 31, between 12.30pm-1.30pm.

Cardiff Remember When is Brian's 20th book and his 16th about his beloved Cardiff.

He has also published four sports titles and is well known to GEM readers for his point-to-point and horse racing articles and has been contributing to the GEM for more than 20 years.

Brian, 73, is now working on a series of books about Welsh horse racing which will include point-to-point and flapping (unlicenced) meetings and would be interested to hear from anyone with stories, photographs, press cuttings and so forth.

Brian's last horse racing book *The Welsh Grand National* (published by Tempus at £12.99) earned the praise of the legendary National Hunt champion jockey Peter Scudamore who said that it was "an engrossing study that not only documents the history of the race, but also charts the development of National Hunt racing."

WHAT'S ON - in brief

Spiritualist Church's 'divine service'

BARRY Spiritualist Church and Centre at Buttrills Road, Barry, is holding a divine service at 6pm, on Sunday, October 25, with Andrej Djordovitch.

A demonstration of mediumship on Monday, October 26, will be held at 7pm with Marlene Abercrombie.

Cefin Cribwr WI's fashion invite

THE Friends of Cefn Cribwr WI are holding a coffee evening and Bon Marche Fashion Show on Tuesday, October 27, at 7pm, in the Cefn Cribwr Community Centre.

Entry is £1.50 to be paid at the door. The proceeds are for Ty Hafan. Please come and join us to make this event a success and raise much-needed money for an excellent cause.

Gardening club

THE next meeting of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be held on Thursday, October 29, at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall when Rosamund Davies will be speaking on 'The National Gardens Scheme'. New members are welcome.

Halloween bands

THERE is a Halloween fancy dress party with eight bands playing in Porthcawl Rugby Club on Friday, October 30, in aid of the Velindre appeal. Tickets are £5 each.

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Wayfarers section comes so close to winning the Memorial Cup competition

The RAF St Athan team.

THE golfers in the Wayfarers Section of RAF St Athan Golf Club were so close to winning the coveted Brian Hardwick Memorial Cup.

This is a club knock-out event where five pairs of golfers, with handicaps 10 to 17, play greensome foursomes matchplay off scratch. No less than 44 clubs from around south Wales entered the competition this year.

The journey to the final was a long and arduous one, with home wins against Aberdare, Mountain Ash and Maesteg, resulting in an away quarter-final match against Tredegar and Rhymney.

Wind and rain prevailed throughout that game but a result of 3-2 in favour of RAF St Athan secured them the place in the semi-final against the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Glamorganshire Golf Club was the venue, and with one match going to the 17th and three to the 18th, it could have gone either way.

It was the golfers from RAF St Athan who sealed the victory.

It was the first time in the club's history that RAF St Athan had reached the Wayfarers Brian Hardwick Memorial Cup final, an achievement in itself.

On Saturday, October 10, the players and their many supporters descended on Llanwern Golf Club to play Celtic Manor Golf Club.

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and after just seven holes of the contest, RAF St Athan were ahead in four of the five matches. However, the Celtic Manor golfers upped their play, managing to turn the games around and the narrowest of margins (3-2) denied RAF St Athan victory.

The Celtic Manor captain and his team are to be congratulated for their tremendous play and RAF St Athan look forward to competing against them in the future, and wish them well next season.

Nathan Waters, as the captain, has had a most enjoyable year and both he and his team must be commended for their achievements. Nathan will shortly relinquish his position to a 'young' and enthusiastic Hugh Williams, and he would like to thank the golf club and his players for their continued support and dedication throughout the year.

RAF St Athan Golf Club is proud of all of its sections and welcomes new players of all ages and abilities. For further information contact the club manager on 01446 751043.

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ABOVE: The captains shake hands before the match.

Kings of Europe – Barry Veterans retain their title!

RECENTLY, Barry RFC Veterans held a dinner at Barry Rugby Club to celebrate their success in being the only club in Europe to win and retain the European Veterans Championship.

The second of the back-to-back championship wins came at the annual Jean-Paul Cheron International Veterans Tournament, held in Beauvais, France this summer.

While being a fantastic feat in achieving the double, Barry Veterans played nine games in the tournament, scored 22 tries and amazingly had no points scored against them!

Having won the tournament the previous year, Barry travelled with the largest-ever squad of players, a management team, and 'scrummies' – rugby wives and girlfriends.

The team comprised Darren Gibbon, Steve Webb, Charlie Chucas, Steve Williams, Grahame Matthews, Andrew Prosser, Rhydian Scott, Tommy Tutsell, John Pereira, Joff Williams, Mickey Mepham, Andy Moffat, Clive Thomas, Dave Pereira, Grantley Harris, Dave Carter, Lyndon James (captain), Mike Bubbins (tour comedian), Ian Davies, Kyle Fahiya, Barry Brown, Lee David, Norman Pereira, Paul Haley, Paul Delaney, Steve Griffiths and Gerwyn Pugh.

The competition was the strongest ever, with teams from all over Europe including Tillycountry (Scotland), Karlstad (Sweden), Charleroi (Belgium), Clermont Auvergne, Stade Francais, Beauvais, Sallanches, Auterives and Brassac.

On a very hot, sunny and sultry Saturday morning, Barry Vets discovered that the usual two-pool match system had been abandoned in favour of a round-robin tournament, which meant nine games that day! Teams would play three games of 12 minutes back-to-back before having an hour break.

Barry easily found their stride and won their games, while building up a momentum and style of play unmatched by any of their rivals.

The big game of the afternoon was a re-match with last year's rivals Stade Francais, which had been an unpleasant, hard match.

This year, Barry convincingly took Stade Francais apart to the delight of the travelling Barry contingent, who sportingly clapped off their main opponents, having beaten a formidable first class French premiership side twice in a row.

Having established a forward ball-carrying game that has now become the Barry Veterans style of play for the championship, backed up by a solid defence, they were able to unleash their backs at the right moment with devastating effect.

Results were:
Clermont Auvergne 0 Barry 3; Sallanches 0 Barry 1; Karlstad 0 Barry 5; Auterives 0 Barry 1; Tillycountry 0 Barry 4; Beauvais 0 Barry 1; Stade Francais 0 Barry 2; Charleroi 0 Barry 5.

The final whistle signalled the retaining of the European Championship and saw a fantastic celebration by players and the growing number of supporters and fans.

The trophy was accepted by Barry Vets captain Lyndon James who, to the delight of the hundreds of supporters and teams, responded in French and thanked the excellent hosts, Les Independants Beauvais. Norman Pereira then made a very special surprise award to Lyndon James of his Barry RFC club colours.

At the dinner on Friday, Charlie Chucas gave an excellent speech to remind everyone of the special friendships and bonds that have formed between the Veterans over the years.

He also announced that Barry RFC Veterans would be hosting a Veterans Tournament on Saturday, February 27, with visitors from Les Independants Beauvais, Auterives, Narbonnes, and Arras.

Barry RFC Veterans will be taking a squad to Beauvais next May to again defend the European Championship and attempt to make it three in a row. Former players who wish to join the Barry RFC Veterans are most welcome and should contact the club.

PAUL HALEY

NEWS FROM PENARTH and DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Peaceful Grwyne Valley once a thriving 'Tin Town'

RECENTLY, four walkers joined leader Roger Hill for a trip up to the peaceful Grwyne Fawr valley that lies within the heart of the Black Mountains.

The weather forecast was not particularly spectacular, though at least they began the walk in dry but overcast weather.

Leaving Blaen-y-cwm forestry car park the group began the gradual climb up the rough track that led them directly to the top of the dam at the Grwyne Fawr reservoir.

During the 19th century, severe sickness struck many of the south Wales towns and villages, the infection being passed by way of the wells and springs that were the only source of water at that time

As a result of the need for a better water supply, Cwmtillery reservoir was built to serve the local community and the coal mines, but leaks appeared in the construction and it could not be made watertight.

A water catchment or reservoir was urgently needed to supply the Welsh valleys and the only suitable site in 1906 was at Grwyne Fawr, as the annual rainfall was 60 inches at the head of the valley.

Work began in 1912, but due to the First World War and construction problems, it would take 16-years to complete and it was finally opened in March 1928.

There was a workers' village known as 'Tin Town' at the lower end of the valley with a community of around 400 people living there.

It had its own police station, schoolroom and hospital, and even boasted electric lighting before Abergavenny! Now hardly any reminders of the village remain, apart from some concrete foundations.

Continuing up the valley, the broken cloud was replaced with low cloud cover and eventually the mist came down, which made conditions rather chilly.

The valley came to an abrupt end at a steep escarpment so they turned northeast and followed the track to the 713-metre trig point on Pen Rhos Dirion, where lunch was taken - sadly without any of the spectacular views.

Setting off once more along the ridge, they gradually descended as the cloud cover began to lift and clear across the Llanthony valley and Hatterrall Hill; fortunately, underfoot conditions were dry due to several weeks of good weather.

When the group reached a rock feature known as the 'blacksmith's anvil', they descended from the ridge across rough terrain before passing through a gate into forestry.

The track led them down to a gully completely enclosed by foliage - and passing through it felt rather eerie, as if elves or some other creature would appear at any moment.

Rather glad to leave the gully and safely emerging onto a rough track again, the group made their way back to the car park for the journey home.

On October 17, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile moderate walk in north Gower; contact Val/Terry on 029 2059 5791/029 2070 6315.

On October 18, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for an 8-mile moderate walk around Ogmore and Merthyr Mawr; contact Val W. on 01446 734925.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk

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JOY STRANGWARD

Sea View RFC battle in vain as Sully Sports have the power

Sea View Rugby are 'Pretty in Pink' – Stade Francais certainly started something.

ON Saturday, Sea View RFC visited local rivals Sully RFC hoping to build on their recent victory against Tongwynlais.

A beautiful sunny day and the prospect of open running rugby saw a large crowd gather in Sully. The decent weather also gave the View the opportunity for a team photo with Lee Cunningham from main sponsors LNC Floor Coverings.

Sully Sports showed intent from the start to play explosive rugby with a powerful pack. They proved a dominant unit in the scrummage ,giving the Sea View front row of Wayne Burston, Steve Davies and Trevor Heulin a torrid time.

On many occasions, scrum-half Dai Harris was glad to see No 8 John Blake pick up at the base and make valuable yards supported by his back row team mates Leon Ford and Chris Taylor.

This pattern defined the first half with Daniel Glennie, at fly-half, seeing little ball. When the View ventured into the Sully half they rocked their defence with both Damion Huggins and Lee Howells running good lines in midfield.

The View wingers Ross Adams and Joe spent the majority of the first half in defensive roles. Joe Perry at full back was often glad of their support in stemming the ever-increasing volume of Sully Attacks.

There were glimpses of the talent and skill that the View has in a strong and determined squad. A mobile and unwavering pack got to grips with the job at hand and gave an excellent account of themselves. The backs also stepped up to the line and gave no quarter, and given the chance to attack they stretched the Sully defence to its limit. Damion Huggins seized on an early Sully infringement, converting the resulting penalty comfortably.

The reply was quick from Sully, with an unconverted try from a dominant pack. Half-time score Sully 5 The View 3.

The second half kicked off with Sully piling on the pressure and scoring a quick try. This set the tempo for the half, Sully applying pressure from all parts of the pitch.

The View replacements gave the team a much-needed boost, Gareth Lowes, Rhys MacAloon and Rhys Swinfen adding some much needed 'grunt' up front, with Ben Cotter, Danny Morris and Reth Davies in the backs.

Scoring a further three tries, Sully closed out a fantastic display of power and flowing rugby.

Final score: Sully RFC 30, Sea View RFC 3.

After the match both sets of players enjoyed the hospitality of the Sully Sports club. This local derby will surely be a welcome and hard-fought fixture on the View calendar for many seasons to come.

Long trip pays off for Vaughan

***MANOR PARK*, a four-year-old bay gelding having his first run for Aberthin trainer Tim Vaughan, romped home an easy five lengths winner of the Raceday Hospitality Maiden Hurdle at Wetherby last Wednesday, October 14.**

Confidently ridden by stable jockey Richard Johnson, *Manor Park* was winning for the first time in 14 starts and was Tim's 58th winner of the season. The horse, a former inmate of Jessica Harrington's yard, was running for the first time in 168 days and went to post an odds-on favourite.

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FINALS DAY AT WENVOE CASTLE GOLF CLUB

FOLLOWING on from The GEM's recent report on finals day at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club, we are pleased to publish these photographs of the competitors who battled it out for this season's silverware!

The Mary Fellows Bowl final winner Chris Robinson receives her trophy from former lady captain Marilyn Davies.

The Dragon Trophy final winner David Iles receives the trophy from former captain Kevin Mooney.

ABOVE: R Rickards Cup final. Winner Matthew Gill in the centre, runner-up David Harris on the right with club vice-captain Chris Tatt.

ABOVE: Juniors Championship winner Jordan Ivory on the right, runner-up Rhys Collier in the centre and junior leader Cyril Evans on the right.

ABOVE: Men's Championship final. Winner Nick James on the right, runner-up Keith Stimpson in the centre and club captain Brian Green.

ABOVE:
Dr A M Jones Foursomes final. Winners Nicky Sims and Jeff Plevey centre and left of centre, runners-up Pat Jarvis and Gareth Dudderidge right of centre and extreme right with club, president Brian Coffin is on the extreme left.

ABOVE: Junior Bronze Shield winner Rhys Ivory.

Ladies Championship final. Winner Sue MacPherson second from the left, Lyn Williams second from the right, club captain Delyth Thomas in the centre and the two caddies on the outside.

ABOVE: Ladies Bronze Shield. Winner Sue Dayananda second on the left, runner-up Wendy Motton second on the right with lady vice-captain Wendy McConkey in the centre and the two caddies on the outside.

ABOVE: The Regans Foursomes final winners Brian Brooks (left) and Peter Hennessey (centre) receive their trophy from past captain Brian McConkey.

Cottrell ladies raise money for cancer charity

Toots Plant and Becky Roberts.

A FUNDRAISING day for the Breast Cancer Campaign was held recently by Cottrell Park ladies.

They played a four-ball better-ball competition on the Button course, where there was a penalty for anyone not wearing an article of pink clothing, as well as many other penalties on the course.

The competition was won by Helen Little and Faith Crookes with 40 points and Toots Plant and Becky Roberts came second with 38 points.

This was followed by a raffle and guess the weight of the cake, which was won by Mary Davies.

A fun day was had by all, and Margaret Thomas the ladies captain presented the prizes and thanked all the ladies for their help and support, as a total of £380 was raised.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
DICKENSIAN FAYRE
FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER 2009
Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Vale of Glamorgan Council has made an Order under Section 16A, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:

WHEREAS the Vale of Glamorgan Council as Highway Authority is satisfied that traffic on the streets or parts thereof as listed in column 2 of the Schedule should on 4th December 2009 be restricted to enable the holding of a relevant event, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, HEREBY ORDERS AND DIRECTS that the following regulations shall be observed:

The streets or parts thereof as specified in the Schedule shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles, with the exception of those vehicles that are permitted to participate in the event and emergency services (including coastguard vehicles) between the hours specified in column 3 of the Schedule.

The penalty for infringement of this regulation is a fine not exceeding £1,000.

Schedule 1

Friday 4 December 2009	The area to be closed is Station Road from its junction with Britway Road adjacent to The Square to the vehicle access to the Star Hotel (both sides of the Twyn).	17.00 - 21.30 Hrs

Local diversions shall be in place via The Mount and Britway Road. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

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Dave **50th** 20th October

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David Reynolds JONES
Sadly passed away October 17, peacefully at Holme Towers, Penarth.
Dave (ex-5 Sqn) of St Athan, beloved husband of Rita, a dearly loved father and grandfather.
Funeral Wednesday October 28, service and cremation 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose.

Evan David Hughes (Taff)
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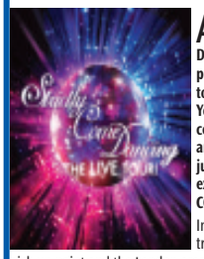

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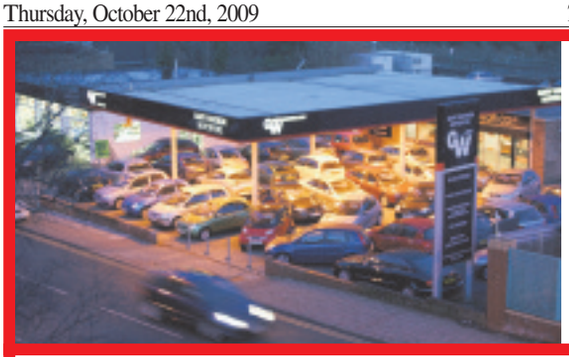

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DEFENSIVE MIX UP PROVES CRUCIAL AS...

Dinas Powys rue missed chances

Goytre Utd 1
Dinas Powys 0

DINAS pushed the league leaders all the way but were undone by a defensive mix-up two minutes into the second half, with former Dinas player Jacob Daly scoring.

It was the visitors who had the first real opportunity after a couple of minutes. When Goytre gave the ball away deep in the Dinas half, the ball was quickly transferred to Paul Carro, and as he was about to shoot from no more than 10 yards when a defender stretched to put the ball narrowly wide of his own post.

A few minutes later, Dinas again looked dangerous when Ricki Morgan played a good ball through for Jaymes Dixon, but he lost his footing when well placed.

A defensive slip almost gifted a goal, but Chris Summers shot wide when you would have expected more from the prolific goal-scorer.

Andy Lane did well to block a Goytre effort, but at the other end Jacob Rudman was off-target and a Mark Dunford shot was deflected clear.

Mark then just failed to get his head to a free-kick with the home keeper doing well to take the ball.

The combination of Morgan and Dixon again gave Dinas a chance on goal but the cross was deflected for a corner. The visitors went in having had the better chances, without getting that all-important first goal.

All the good work of the first-half counted for nothing when after just two minutes, Goytre played a lofted ball towards the Dinas penalty area and, as the defence hesitated, Jacob Daly nipped in to score with a low shot from 15 yards.

This was just what the home side needed against a Dinas side who had knocked them out of their stride in the first-half. They started to take more control of the game without really creating anything.

The nearest they came to adding to the lead was a Summers header narrowly wide of the post. But Dinas did not look like scoring either, coming to grief against a robust defence when they did break free.

Manager Danny Kinsey must have been pleased with the performance, if not the result and Goytre keep their place at the top of the table.

Squad: 1 Peter Blaine, 2 Rhodri Foote, 3 Ashton Turner, 4 Josh Reffell, 5 Andy Lane, 6 Jacob Rudman, 7 Ricki Morgan, 8 Jaymes Dixon, 9 Joe Hinds, 10 Mark Dunford, 11 Paul Carro, 12 Tony Wallis, 14 Owain Adams, 15 Danny Kinsey.

This Saturday (October 24) Dinas Powys are home to Garden Village (kick off 2:30pm) For a full list of fixtures see the club's web site: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk

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St Cyres continue their winning form

ST CYRES girls under-14 football team got off to a winning start with a 3-0 win over a less experienced Michaelston College team.

Rachel Hignett had a superb game, scoring all three goals and showing enormous skill and work rate throughout. The rest of the St Cyres team were also fantastic. Ffion Gould and Demi White both played one half in goal and one half up front each.

Abbie Stone had a strong presence on the field, as did Leah Cunningham, who organised the defence and tackled well. Jessica Brennan, Ellie Jamieson and Mollie Chick also had outstanding games.

The girls year-8-and-under tennis team continued their winning form with a convincing win over Sir Thomas Picton School from Haverfordwest at Esporta, Neath.

Dana Yee, Rachel Hignett, Leah Cunningham and Corrie Driscoll all won their singles 6-0. Dana and Rachel won their doubles 6-0, and Leah and Corrie won theirs 6-2.

However, the highlight of the trip for the girls was meeting the Swansea City football team and the Ospreys rugby team, who were all training nearby.

The girls now face Pate Grammar School from Cheltenham in the south-west regional finals (and the British quarter-finals) in Bristol in November. We wish them all the best.

The year-8 hockey team unfortunately lost 3-0 to Cowbridge on a horrible night when everyone got drenched.

Despite the adverse conditions, there were some notable performances, particularly from Sarah King in goal, Sara Anwan in defence, Leah Cunningham, Jessica Brennan, Naomi Lewis and Emily Gadsby in midfield and Demi White, Misty Davies and Lydia Gardner in attack.

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Point-to-point season begins

by BRIAN LEE

THE point-to-point season gets under way with the Black Forest Club meeting at Black Forest Lodge on November 29.

A must for all hunt-racing owners, trainers and riders is the Point-To-Point & Hunter Chase Planner 2009/10 (obtainable from Weatherbys Chase, Sanders Road, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 4BX at £25).

This 440-page annual is a mine of information and it includes a chronological index and race conditions for all the point-to-points and hunter chases to be run during the coming season.

There's a section on pony racing, useful telephone numbers, information for owners and riders and much, much more.

The Welsh season gets under way earlier than ever with a special West Wales Area Club fixture at Lydstep, near Tenby, on January 3.

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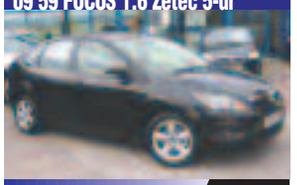

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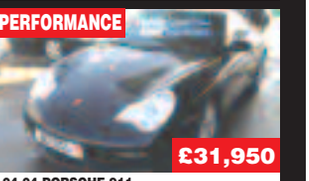
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Dragons notch an impressive away win at Pontardawe

Pontadawe 2 - 3 Barry Town

It was with some trepidation that Dragons fans travelled down the M4 for the game against Pontardawe at the Recreation ground.

They were hoping for a much improved performance from last week's poor showing and they got it.

The first half saw the Town completely dominate the home side, with more enforced changes, and without sevaral regulars.

Kurt Bettles was suspended and midfield dynamo Nickie Jones had flu.

Nervy fans might have expected the worst,but they needn't have worried.

With Dan Marshall having returned from Merthyr, and the very capable Morgan Harris in fine form, they could, and quite frankly should, have been four goals up at half time.

But for a combination of poor finishing by the visitors, the crossbar, and a couple of goal-line clearances by a desperate Ponty defence, the game would have been over by the end of the first half.

The Dragons took a well-deserved lead in the 24th minute. A nicely-weighted through ball from the impressive Daniel Clair sliced through the home defence and experienced striker Ian Jones scored his first goal for the club, neatly lobbing the onrushing keeper.

Pontadawe did have their moments, but lacked real midfield nous. The Dragons defence held out until half-time.

The second half began with both teams playing to their strengths in contrasting styles.

Pont used the long ball while the Dragons attempted their well-known, tried and trusted, pass and move game.

Rob Blatchford's pace and ball carrying abilty was a constant threat, but his decision making often let him down.

It was the home side who benefitted in the 48th minute from a well-flighted free kick from wide left into the box, and with the defence looking bemused, the Pont number 8 hit a deft half-volley into the top corner past Barry's young keeper Dan Bradley – 1-1.

Hardly had the Swansea side finished celebrating when a minute later the Dragons again took the lead.

Striker Ian Jones, from wide on the right, hit an inch-perfect pass for Morgan Harris to score from close range.

Shortly afterwards they scored again through Ian Jones in the 66th minute.

Such a good game deserved a highlight and what an effort it was from the hosts' impressive midfielder. From 30-odd yards he hit a stunning strike, worthy of a much higher level, bending the ball with great pace past the flying Daniel Bradley in the Barry goal.

It was readily appreciated and acknowledged by the Dragons' travelling contingent.

Final score 2-3 to the Dragons.

A word about the referee Mr A Williams of Merthyr and his officials. Officials are often derided, but these were fully in control.

Mr Williams overall handling of the game was exemplary, allowing some really good entertainment for the fans.

He, along with his assistants, was not prepared to allow the often overlooked excused abuse or foul language, admonishing the culprits admirably. If there were more refs like him. there would be better games at this level with better attendances.

The next games is Bettws at home, October 24, kick off 2 30pm.

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Under-15s come back to pip tough Penarth

On a bright but brisk Sunday morning at Old Penarthians, Barry RFC under-15s took on a tough Penarth side who had won quite easily in the corresponding fixture last season.

In a physical opening quarter, Penarth took the lead with two well-worked tries, as Barry were a little slow getting to grips with the pace of the game.

However, Barry responded to get a score back with a try by Jake Goodfellow.

Barry started the second half with determination and an individual effort from Sam Roberts seemed to inspire his team mates, but Penarth came back with a third try.

Jordan Flynn then made a good run from his own half to score a try, putting Barry back into the game. By now the Barry forwards were pushing their opposing forwards back at a rate of knots, resulting in Barry taking the lead in the final few minutes with a massive team effort try scored by Joe Green.

Kyle Barros converted three of the four Barry tries.

A tense few minutes followed by many penalties saw a massive try-saving tackle by Sam Roberts, which resulted in the Barry forwards winning the line out and putting the ball into touch.

This was a massive scalp for this young and talented group of players following a good win against Pentyrch.

Credit must be given to the hard working efforts of coaches Andrew Prosser and Graham Barros.

Final score: Barry 26, Penarth 22.

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Team make hard work of away fixture

BARRY RFC GRIND OUT AN UNCONVINCING VICTORY IN PENARTH

OLD PENARTHIANS	13
BARRY	21

BARRY travelled to Old Penarthians last Saturday on another perfect day for open attacking rugby.

The start could not have been less auspicious for the visitors, who lost an early attacking scrum against the head, allowing Old Penarthians to advance over 80 metres downfield.

From this attacking position, the home side were awarded a penalty which they duly converted.

The Barry side were continuing to concede penalties, including one for an inexcusable shoulder tackle which on another day, would have resulted in a yellow card for the perpetrator.

After 15 minutes, Old Penarthians made pressure and possession tell, with a well-struck penalty, which needed help from the woodwork, extending their lead to six points.

Although generally on the defensive for long periods, there were some notable individual efforts from Ashley Brown, Danny Williams and Tom Lee.

However, things improved for the hosts after 25 minutes with a well-constructed long-range try by their backs, which was successfully converted from an easy position.

The game now entered a crucial period – if Old Penarthians were to score again before the interval, Barry would need three scores to win.

All this against a backdrop of being under considerable pressure in the tight and an inability to work the ball to their threequarters.

On the odd occasion when they had ball in hand, they looked purposeful and capable of breaking defensive lines.

Either side of half-time, Barry introduced substitutes Prosser and McTavish in a bid to stiffen up the forwards, in the belief that the 'older heads' would steady their play.

Barry would have to take advantage of the sloping ground in the second half, they would also have to use the obvious superiority they possessed in terms of guile and pace in the three-quarters and at full back.

The start was not as planned, Cummings missing an easy penalty shot after 10 minutes.

However, Barry were showing their intent with some purposeful play, Rhys Hardy being outstanding.

The forwards were not to be outdone, with Prosser creating pressure with a short-range sortie to the home try line.

This resulted in the award of a penalty try as the referee adjudged a try was only prevented by an illegal shoulder charge.

Barry then began to serve up the sort of rugby which they have recently shown themselves capable of, and after 25 minutes they took a narrow lead through a well-taken try by Taylor, which was coolly converted by the captain.

This proved to be only a taster to what followed – a brilliant individual effort from Evans that saw him dummy two defenders before powering through a narrowing gap to cross wide out.

The conversion by Cummings was the icing on the cake and turned out to be the final score.

While this was a satisfying but hardly comfortable performance, the Barry coaching staff and, particularly, players should reflect on the costs of ill-discipline.

One may criticise one referee for perceived bias but the statistics of penalties indicate that the problem is closer to home, in the last three games the penalty count has been against Barry.

Barry team: R Hardy, N Jones, A Evans, D Provis, B Taylor, C Cummings, T Lee, A Brown, R O'Sullivan, S Hunt, D Williams, G Jones, O Brown, H Jones, B Gill. Subs: A Prosser and R McTavish.

Barry's next match is at home to Cilfyndd on Saturday at 2.30pm.

CHRIS OXENHAM

NEWS FROM BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB

LATEST results are as follows: Tuesday, October 13.

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